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Administration accepts AD's application for recognition

by Andy Horner '03
MANAGING EDITOR

The administration of Hamilton College, following a recommendation made by the Inter Society Council last spring, decided this Wednesday to accept the application for College recognition submitted by the Alpha Delta Phi fraternity. AD has been unrecognized by the College since the spring of 2000, a result of a lack of age-checking procedures at a Mardi Gras party hosted by the fraternity in March of that year.

According to the guidelines set forth in the suspension of College recognition issued by Nancy Thompson, acting dean of students at the time, AD was eligible to submit an application for recognition at the beginning of the 2002-03 academic year, which the fraternity did. After meeting with undergraduate president of AD Julian Scurci '03 and other upperclassmen in the fraternity, President Eugene Tobin and Dean of Students Flossie Mitchell decided that AD was ready to return to recognized life on the Hill.

"We first applied for recognition in the fall of 2001, but the administration would not talk directly to us until we received some sort of endorsement from the ISC," said Scurci. "In Spring 2001 we gave an oral presentation to the ISC, and as a result the council recommended that we be recognized by the College. So at the beginning of this academic year, we resubmitted our application, and it was accepted."

The application included an admission of wrongdoing by the fraternity, as well as a detailed description of AD's plan to use their standing as a private society to bring fraternity alumni back to the Hill as lecturers at events for the student body. In addition, the application outlined the extensive community involvement of the brothers of the fraternity over the past two academic years.

The ISC's recommendation to the Administration that AD be recognized did, however, come with a condition. The Council suggested that the fraternity be placed on social probation for the span of one academic year.

"I am happy to see the board's recommendation upheld," said Dave Lyons '03, president of the ISC. "As individuals they are mostly great citizens, and I trust they will soon reflect Greek life at Hamilton in a very positive light. That being said, despite their past, I trust that AD, as a recognized society on this campus, will honor every aspect of their continued social suspension and will operate well

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College assembles committee, begins search for new president

by Chris Takacs '05
NEWS EDITOR
and Kathleen McGrory '05
NEWS EDITOR

By assembling a search committee of campus community members, the College has begun the initial phases of the search for a new president.

President Tobin's decision to remain as president until the 30th of July, 2003, at the request of the head of the Board of Trustees, Stuart Scott, has allowed the committee the time it needs to find a suitable list of candidates without needing to assign an acting president for this academic year.

The committee, which will consist of faculty, trustees, and members of the administration, will also include one current Hamilton student. As part of an email sent earlier this week, Student Assembly offered the entire student body the opportunity to submit a letter of application for the spot.

The letters of application will be evaluated by a team of five Student Assembly representatives, Maurice Michaane '03, Jordan Burns '03, Kristin Merriman '04, Greer Mahoney '05, and Marian Lyman '06, and Director of Student Activities Lisa Magnarelli. The group will choose five or six students from the applicant pool who they feel best represent the greater student body and present these applicants to Chairman of the Board of Trustees Stuart Scott and Vice-Chairman Chester A. Siuda. Scott and Siuda will then decide which student will be added to the panel.

According to Professor of Sociology Dan Chambliss, the main problem that the committee will face will be finding "talented people who want the position." Chambliss expressed the notion that in the past, it was extremely difficult to find someone with an academic background who has the administra

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New society, KSA, recognized by ISC

by Stephanie Valle '05
NEWS WRITER

Pending the approval of Dean of Students Flossie Mitchell and President Eugene Tobin, girls at Hamilton will have a new Greek option now that "Kappa Sigma Alpha" has received InterSociety Council recognition.

One of the final steps in the process to becoming officially recognized as a Greek society on the hill, the ISC's approval was based on a proposal that was submitted by the 23 founding members of the new sorority. "The girls submitted a very well outlined proposal," said Dave Lyons '03, president of ISC. "We reviewed the proposal, which was then voted on, and a letter of recommendation was sent to Dean Mitchell."

Centered on a philosophy of service, the founding members of the sorority emphasized the extent of their com-

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Ehrenreich assesses poverty in America

by Ian Mandel '06
NEWS WRITER

On Monday, October 7, Barbara Ehrenreich, the best selling author whose works include *The Snarling Citizen* and *Blood Rites: Origins and History of the Passions of War,* gave the Winston Tolles Lecture to a packed crowd in the college chapel.

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Ehrenreich during her lecture in the Chapel.

Ehrenreich focused her lecture on the prevalent issue of poverty that she addresses in her latest book *Nickel and Dimed: On (Not) Getting By in America.* Ehrenreich described in great detail how she researched the topic, assuming the identity of a low-wage worker with no credentials. She told the crowd of students, faculty members, staff and local residents how she would find a job paying close to minimum wage and subsequently rely solely on her wages to pay for rent, food and transportation to and from work.

"I ended up trying this in three different cities and I would stay in each one for a month and see how I could do in that time. I worked a total of five different jobs, sometimes more than one at a time. I was a waitress, a hotel housekeeper, a maid with a housecleaning service, a nursing home aid and a Wal-Mart Associate," Ehrenreich explained.

Ehrenreich spoke about the degrading treatment that low-wage workers receive from their employers. She described conditions where she was subjected to rules that forbid her to speak to coworkers, forbid the drinking of water and forced workers to go up to six hours in-between breaks.

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Zero Energy week offers eco-friendly alternatives

by Kat Lexa '05
NEWS WRITER

PHOTO BY MATT CLARK '03

Tents line Minor Field on Wednesday night's camp-out. The camp-out was part of Zero Energy Week.

A group of Hamilton students running across the field playing Frisbee is a typical sight when the weather is sunny and warm. But around 11 p.m. on a cold Wednesday night, they could be seen throwing Frisbees in the dark on Minor Field. A group of scattered tents provided the backdrop for their game.

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According to Josh Havens '03, "the tenting [outside the library] was in your face," a way to immediately grab the attention of everyone walking by. The camp-out "opened people up just to stop by, hang out, and show support," he said. "Our camp-out brings people who have similar passions (the environment) together in a setting where we can discuss ways to increase environmental awareness on campus," commented Jessie McComb '03, HEAG's secretary.

HOC provided the tents and the sleeping bags to campers. On Tuesday night over 20 people braved the cold to sleep in tents on the Quad. OnWednesday night closer to 35 people set up their tents in the middle of Minor Field.

Having fun while camping out wasn't the only component of Zero Energy Week. Officers of HEAG and HOC "tried to cover all the important issues that students on the Hill can relate to and actually do something about. We decided to stick with basic environmental conservation activities and awareness facts," said Jessie McComb.

Zero Energy Week has been in the works since this past summer, when members of HEAG and HOC decided they wanted to do something to teach Hamilton's community about the importance of energy and increase their profile around campus.

Monday was local produce day, with HEAG and HOC participants inside Beineke passing out MacIntosh apples from the Clinton Cider Mill. "Very few food products are bought and sold locally," said Sarah Bardenett '03, the organizer behind Zero Energy Week. Increasing appreciation for local food and knowledge about where to find it were the main goals for Monday, and staffers decorated Martin's Way with facts about food production and its effect on energy. According to Sarah Bardenett, Monday's focus was of special interest to some of the faculty members, who are tentatively planning a sophomore seminar focused on food for the spring of 2004.

The goal for Thursday was to increase water consumption awareness, with HEAG making flyers and taping them up in bathrooms all over campus. The bridge was also decorated with

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U.S. Air, United Air partnership formed, ticket prices may rise

by Jon Kuhl '06
NEWS WRITER

In a continuing response to the decline in air travel since September 11, 2001, U.S. Airways and United Airlines formed a partnership last week. The partnership was approved by the Justice Department, but critics speculate that the new relationship will have an adverse effect on ticket prices.

The partnership in a sense creates one large carrier, but the two airlines will keep their respective names and employees separate. The deal will eventually allow frequent fliers to acquire points and status on both airlines, thus allowing U.S. Airways' 20 million frequent fliers to take advantage of the benefits United Airlines' 40 million frequent fliers have, and vice versa. Customers calling one airline will also be able to book flights on the other airline, and passengers who change carriers on the way to their final destination will only have to check their bags once.

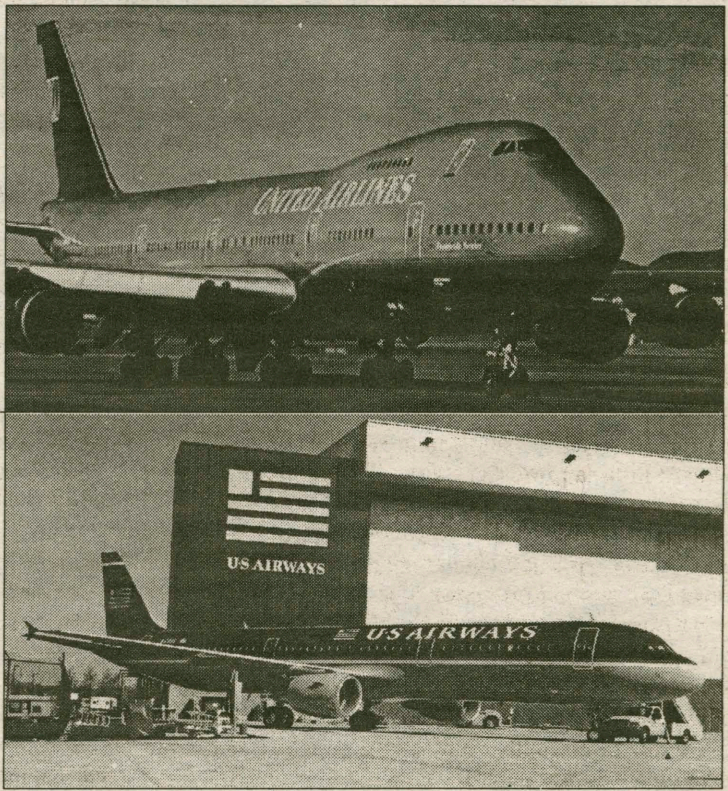
Besides allowing each airline to take advantage of the other's variety of destinations, the partnership is expected to bring in $200 million in new annual revenue for both carriers. This is a much-needed boost for U.S. Air, which is already protected under Chapter 11 bankruptcy, and United which has also had severe financial problems.

Travel industry experts worry, however, that the partnership, while not a merger, will allow the two airlines to abstain from the ticket price war that has always been crucial in keeping ticket prices low. A Justice Department official defended the decision to approve the partnership, saying, "What we try to look at is whether there is anything that will injure competition and the ability for firms to compete."

The industry as a whole has suffered tremendously, with U.S. Airways cutting back flights from 4,480 to 3,700. American Airlines Chief Executive Don Carty, who has also felt the pressures of operating under the post-September 11th atmosphere, commented, "We're gradually going out of business; we're borrowing money to operate." According to Delta Airlines, before taxes are taken out, the entire airline industry could face a loss in 2002 of more than $8 billion.

Major carriers are also having a hard time competing with smaller and cheaper airlines such as Jet Blue and Southwest. *The Wall Street Journal* reports that "major U.S. airlines would have to collectively slash $18.6 billion in costs, or 29% of their total expenses, to operate at the same level as Southwest Airlines, the only major carrier that has been profitable the past 18 months," according to a study published on Wednesday.

While travelers will now have more flexibility in getting to their destinations, without having to switch carriers, the long-term effects of the partnership on ticket prices is unknown. It is also uncertain whether the large airlines will be able to survive under the current market conditions.



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Pembroke scholar, Small, gives lecture on Hardy and Buckle

by Erin Weaver '05
NEWS WRITER

This Wednesday, visiting Pembroke scholar Dr. Helen Small gave a lecture in Red Pit titled, "Chances Are: Henry Buckle, Thomas Hardy, and the Individual at Risk." Dr. Small is a professor at Oxford University who specializes in 19th century English literature.

PHOTO BY ANNA GRITTEN '03

Dr. Helen Small speaks in KJ.

Her lecture concerned the issue of individualism vs. generality, specifically focusing on these issues as presented in two distinct 19th century texts: *Henry Buckle's History of Civilization in England and Thomas Hardyis Return of the Native.* Small's lecture focused first on Buckle, whose definition of individualism was chastised by his contemporaries and ultimately proven wrong by Darwin's theory of evolution.

Hardy was, of course, the second focal point of the lecture; Small presented an in-depth analysis of Hardy's novel and the implications the text had on common 19th century European notions of individualism.

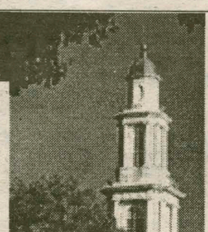
Dr. Small's two-week visit to Hamilton, from October 8th until the 18th, is sponsored by the Pembroke Exchange Program, an experimental four-year program concentrating on student and faculty components. The program was initiated by President Tobin during his Fall 2000 sabbatical to Oxford.

Under the guidelines of the program, Hamilton sends one faculty member per year to Pembroke College at Oxford to promote faculty research and share intellectual experiences. This year, the program's second year, economics professor Derek Jones is at Pembroke, while last year Professor Maurice Isserman occupied the visiting faculty position.

In return, Pembroke sends one of their professors to Hamilton, though only for two weeks. Hamilton students also have the option to apply to Oxford for foreign study through this program, though the program is and hopes to stay small, considering that the program is not faculty-run as are Hamiltonis Spain, France, and China exchange programs.

This exclusive arrangement between Hamilton College and Pembroke College serves as an opportunity for faculty and students to make cultural, intellectual, and social exchanges, as evident through Wednesday's lecture by Dr. Helen Small.

IVORY TOWERS



THE NEWS AT COLLEGES ACROSS THE LAND

Compiled by Chris Takacs '05

Washington State U. blood centers ban gay men

(U-WIRE) PULLMAN, Wash. — Many Washington State University students donate blood every year, and every year some are turned away due to health factors and lifestyle choices.

There is a long list of reasons why people can't donate blood; if they have gotten a tattoo or body piercing in the last year, if they ever have been paid for sex, if they are undergoing cancer treatment or if they are on antibiotics to name a few.

A requirement that many are not aware of is the ban against the blood of any man that has had a sexual experience with another man.

"There is a very real possibility of an HIV infection," said Debbie E. Brudie, Whitman County chair for the American Red Cross.

However, many people in the gay community feel the ban is discriminatory.

"I don't think it is fair," said John J. Criswell, a gay student at WSU. "They screen the blood after it's donated."

Criswell has never donated blood because he was aware of the ban, but he said that he would donate if he was able to.

According to the Centers for Disease Control, there are 40,000 new HIV infections every year.

According to the CDC, 42 percent of the 40,000 new cases are men that have had sex with men, 33 percent contracted the infection through heterosexual sex, and 25 percent contracted the infection through injection drug use.

Report says higher education too expensive nationwide

(U-WIRE) WASHINGTON — Higher Education is simply too expensive in most states, according to a new series of rankings that offers states' report cards released by the nonpartisan National Center for Public Policy.

The report, Measuring Up 2002 accuses high schools across the nation of not properly preparing students for higher education, and also asserts that higher education itself remains out of the economic reach for many.

The bi-annual report grades states on their performance in five categories: preparation, participation, affordability, completion and benefits and allows each state to compare its results to the 2000 report. In many states, tremendous gaps exist among income groups concerning their ability to pay for college.

Most states have seen a huge increase in tuition costs in the past two years according to the report, making attending college more difficult for lower income families. While 11 states improved their performance on all measures in providing affordable college education to their residents, these states have since responded to revenue shortfalls through steep tuition increases and insufficient investments in student financial aid.

Al-Arian takes former U. South Florida adjunct's cause to the masses

(U-WIRE) TAMPA, Fla. — Since his infamous appearance on The O'Reilly Factor, controversial University of Southern Florida professor Sami Al-Arian has been on television several times to defend his case.

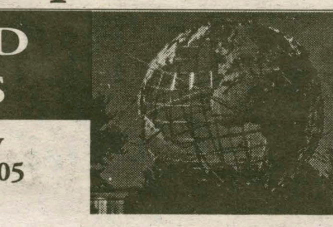
Al-Arian said he took to the airwaves again Sunday, only this time to plead for help for his brother-in-law and former USF adjunct professor Mazen Al-Najjar.

Al-Najjar was imprisoned by United States Immigration and Naturalization Services for roughly four of the past five years on "secret evidence" that allegedly linked him to terrorist organizations. In August, he was deported and reportedly "dumped" by INS officials in Lebanon, where his sister lives.

Lebanese officials, upset by the way that Al-Najjar was left on their soil, ordered his deportation to an undisclosed country less than a month later.

Since that time, Al-Arian and other family members have been searching for a permanent home for Al-Najjar in either a friendly Arab or English-speaking country. There, they hope, he can reunite with his wife and children, who still reside in Florida.

WORLD NEWS



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Death Reports Emerge in Ivory Coast

BOUAKE, Ivory Coast (AP)—The killers were young and armed, bearing guns, machetes and clubs. They roamed the streets of Ivory Coast's second city, chasing victims. Some, they burned alive. Frightened residents of Bouake — fleeing by the thousands during a lull in fighting that has raged for days — spoke Thursday of how the three-week-old rebellion let loose deadly ethnic rivalries in the this rebel-held, central city of 500,000.

After a government offensive failed to dislodge the insurgents this week, young ethnic Dioulas armed by the rebels hunted down fleeing members of the government-supported Baoule tribe, residents said.

They chased them through the streets, stealing their belongings and burning their homes. On Wednesday, Dioula youths raided a Baoule neighborhood and burned residents there alive. The attacks appeared to be in retaliation for killings carried out earlier by government supporters. The Dioulas and Baoules have complex political, economic, religious rivalries that date back centuries.

From witness' accounts, the numbers of people burned alive appeared small. But the brutality horrified residents already shaken by three days of shooting and explosions. "The mutineers, who never used to bother us, are now searching for loyalists," said one resident, too afraid of retaliation to be identified. ``We are afraid of a civil war."

Aid workers estimate that approximately 150,000 Bouake residents have been displaced by the uprising—the once-stable West African country's bloodiest ever. The rebels, centered around 750 to 800 former soldiers who want reinstatement in the army, have held Bouake since a bloody Sept. 19 coup attempt.

Kashmir Rejects Pro-India Party

SRINAGAR, India (AP) - Voters in troubled Indian-controlled Kashmir soundly rejected the pro-India ruling party in state elections, but final returns Thursday assured a coalition among parties opposed to negotiating with Pakistan while cross-border terrorism continues.

And since none of the major parties has any sympathy for the Islamic militants who have fought since 1989 to wrest the Muslim-majority region from Hindu-majority India, so no significant change in policy is expected.

In rejecting National Conference party rule, voters were seen to have dumped it for causes other than independence - its failure to meet voter aspirations for a better life, more jobs and less government arrogance and corruption.

The party, which has ruled the Himalayan province for the past six years and dominated state government since independence in 1947, took only 28 seats, slipping dramatically from its 56-seat majority in the last assembly.

20,000 Palestinians March in Gaza

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip (AP) - Twenty-thousand police and militiamen,marched in a funeral procession for a police colonel Thursday in the biggest Palestinian display force in years and a clear warning to the slain officer's Hamas killers to end their challenge to Yasser Arafat's government.

In violence Thursday, two Palestinian youths died in Gaza clashes and an Israeli woman and Palestinian attacker were killed in a Tel Aviv suicide bombing.

The funeral was a show of force by Arafat's police and security after a flare-up of violence that started when members of a Hamas militia kidnapped and killed a senior Palestinian police officer on Monday.

It came at a time when Arafat's power was already greatly eroded by Israeli military incursions into Palestinian areas. Hamas is regarded as the second strongest Palestinian political faction after Arafat's dominant Fatah movement. Hamas leaders distanced themselves from the killing, calling it an individual act of vengeance, but many Fatah activists blame Hamas itself.

A light blue flatbed police truck adorned with three floral wreaths and packed with armed security officers in military-style uniforms led the funeral procession of Col. Rajeh Abu Lehiya, head of Palestinian riot police. Abu Lehiya's coffin, draped with a Palestinian flag, lay on a second police truck. Thousands of men followed, many of them armed, representing all the secular Palestinian factions and security units.

NATIONAL NEWS

Compiled by Chris Takacs '05

House Approves Iraq Resolution

WASHINGTON (AP) - The House on Thursday authorized war-making powers for President Bush, who heralded the chamber's vote as a resounding message to United Nations and to the world that "the gathering threat of Iraq must be confronted fully and finally."

The 296-133 vote was a solid endorsement of Bush's insistence that he will work with the United Nations if possible, or alone if necessary, to disarm Saddam Hussein of his weapons of mass destruction. A majority of Democrats voted against the resolution even though their House leader, Dick Gephardt, was one of its authors. Bush spoke at the White House after telephoning Gephardt and House Speaker Dennis Hastert to thank them for the vote.

"The House of Representatives has spoken clearly to the world and to the United Nations Security Council: The gathering threat of Iraq must be confronted fully and finally," Bush said in a hastily arranged appearance in the Roosevelt Room.

The Senate was prepared to act in chorus, rejecting by a 75-25 vote a bid by opponents to slow down a final vote and picking up the vital support of the Senate's top Democrat, Majority Leader Tom Daschle of South Dakota.

Va. Shooting Could Be Same Sniper

MANASSAS, Va. (AP) - A seventh fatal shooting in the Washington area is "consistent" with six others and may be the work of the same sniper, authorities said Thursday.

Dean Harold Meyers, 53, of Gaithersburg, Md., was gunned down Wednesday night moments after filling his tank at a northern Virginia gas station. An autopsy showed he was killed by a single shot to his upper body, Prince William Police Chief Charlie Deane said.

Authorities stressed they had not conclusively linked the slaying to the others but cited the similarities with the eight shootings, six of them fatal, since Oct. 2 in Maryland, Virginia and Washington, D.C.

It "appears to be consistent with the other shootings in the region," Deane said. Police were searching for a white minivan seen leaving the scene of the Manassas shooting.

Two men had been seen in a white van shortly after the sniper slayings began. The vehicle described by witnesses to Wednesday's shooting was similar - a white "panel truck."

"It's a minivan but instead of windows around the side, it's solid. We don't know about windows in the back," Sgt. Kim Chinn, a Prince William County police spokeswoman, told reporters earlier Thursday. The vehicle was described as looking like a Dodge Caravan, she said.

47 Hurt in Mich. School Bus Crash

ERIE TOWNSHIP, Mich. (AP) - A truck hauling steel crashed into the side of a school bus taking youngsters on a field trip Thursday, injuring more than three dozen children and adults, at least two critically.

"It was just bodies all over the place," said firefighter Cliff Moore. The bus was taking kindergartners and first- and second-graders on a field trip.

"When I got to it, the kids were screaming," said Pat Labelle, who was driving behind the bus. "They were screaming like there was no tomorrow." He said he took a first-aid kit from his car, ran to the bus and crawled in through the back door, pulling children out because he feared a fire would erupt.

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Hospitals treated at least 47 people, including two 6-year-old boys who were in critical condition, plus two other boys and a 67-year-old woman in serious condition. The bus was carrying 43 children and 17 adults.

The bus, operated by Trinity Bus Co., was one of four in a caravan from Pierre Toussaint Academy, a charter school in Detroit. The first two buses crossed an intersection safely, but the truck collided with the third, tearing a hole in its side, sheriff's Maj. Tom Scott said.

ISC suggests social sanctions for ATX

by Sarah M. Gould '05
NEWS WRITER

The InterSociety Council will submit a letter this week to Dean of Students Flossie Mitchell outlining the recommended sanctions for Alpha Theta Chi. The sanctions come almost six months after a hazing incident sent one first-year student to the hospital for alcohol poisoning.

After numerous meetings and hearings with the ISC Judicial Council last year, ten students were charged with hazing and other violations. All but one were found responsible and received various punishments ranging in severity. The new sanctions have been brought to the table as a result of newly gathered information regarding the incident.

Earlier this year, Director of Campus Safety Patricia Ingalls filed a final report concerning the incident and submitted it to the ISC Judicial Council, chaired by Jasen Wright, '03, also the Vice President of the ISC. After reviewing and evaluating the report, the ISC decided to investigate further into the matter. Contrary to previous evidence, the ISC found that after speaking to numerous people involved in the case, ATX had knowledge of the hazing and could have intervened to stop it. As a result, the ISC decided it necessary to draw up new sanctions and submit them to Dean Mitchell for review. Dave Lyons, President of the Inter Society Council, "This was a very challenging case for many reasons. Hazing violations are taken very seriously by the ISC, but in this particular case, it was hard to determine where blame lay. The board is trusts the Judicial Council's findings and are confident the punishment fits the crime."

The ISC itself does not have jurisdiction to sanction a society. Members of the ISC, all representatives of various fraternities and sororities, meet and discuss possible sanctions for violations and then make suggestions to the Dean of Students. Dean Mitchell dispatches the ultimate decision and enforces the sanctions, taking into account the recommendations from ISC members.

The specifically recommended sanctions for ATX, as suggested by the ISC, include one year of social probation. This would prohibit ATX from sponsoring any events on or off campus that include alcohol. It is also recommended that an article be written for the Spectator on behalf of ATX regarding societal hazing - what it means and how to avoid it. This article would be an informational piece and would have to be submitted by the end of the semester. Additionally, ATX may be required to revamp their pledge process and show some type of evidence that alcohol is not involved in any aspect of pledging.

The letter of recommended sanctions will not be finalized until early next week at which point the ISC will discuss the proposals with Dean Mitchell, who will then make the final call. "I think Flossie Mitchell has faith in the ISC and their decisions, and she is always willing to work with us," Wright said, adding later that the punishment must fit the severity of the violation. Lyons commented, "The ISC has worked hard to be sure there are no loopholes in the sanctioning and will have very little tolerance for any violations."

"Energetic" week serves as student "mind-opener"

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fun facts about the effects of water consumption and better ways to conserve.

Friday was designated gasoline-conservation day; and asked community members to bike, walk, or carpool instead of driving their own car. In collaboration with the Bike Co-op, HEAG and HOC sponsored an afternoon bike ride to get people thinking about alternative transportation and its rewards.

Zero Energy Week "has been well received by the faculty, although few actually helped out, a lot of different faculty and students have been talking about energy consumption," said Sarah Bardenett.

Every simple action either helps to conserve or waste energy resources. "It's the small things, but they add up," said Josh Havens.

"The project is great," raved Emily Colbert '05. "I think that the most important function of it is to increase awareness, which it definitely does!"

"This week is also acting as a mind-opener for many people who may decide to join HEAG and have a larger role in the community through the group," said McComb.

Hopefully, Hamilton's students will continue the new perspective Zero Energy Week has brought to the community. HEAG meetings, at 8 p.m. On Wednesdays in the Fireplace Lounge, are always open to new faces and new ideas to make Hamilton a more environmentally aware campus.

Greek community welcomes Alpha Delta back to campus

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suspension and will operate well within the ISC's standards for rush and general campus recognition."

"I'm looking forward to working with them as a legitimate organization," commented Lisa Magnarelli, director of student activities. "I'm glad they are back. It is good for the Greek community that we have another active organization, so long as they hold true to the founding principles and ideals and are not just coming back to throw parties."

To prevent this scenario, the administration took the suggestion of the ISC to heart, as AD will remain ineligible to host on-campus parties throughout this academic year.

"I think we've served a long enough punishment," said Scurci, "but if a year of social probation is what it takes to get recognized, then we'll take it." Although disappointed with this restriction, Scurci made it clear that parties aren't the only function his newly recognized fraternity intends to play on campus.

"Since our College recognition was revoked," Scurci explained, "I feel that the relationship between Greek societies and the rest of the community on the campus has deteriorated. I think that we can help to amend this situation, and that's what we want to do."

To accomplish this, the fraternity would like to co-sponsor AD alumni as guest lecturers in conjunction with various academic departments and student groups. By drawing on their illustrious past, Scurci explained, AD hopes to encourage a new kind of relationship between Greek societies and the rest of the Hamilton community.

Kappa Sigma Alpha seeks to serve community, support "active, involved individuals"

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mitment to both service on and off campus. "It stemmed from the idea that we wanted a support group for a group of girls who were very involved on campus," said Rachel Manwill '05, one of the founding members and vice president of the sorority. "We wanted an alternative to current Greek life on campus."

Emily Backman '04, another founding member, agreed. "We were looking for a new social option on campus for girls," she said, "one that emphasizes the bonds of friendship and is a support system for active, involved individuals."

The girls are involved in a wide range of activities on campus; at last count, they were involved in a total of 59 different clubs and activities. These include varsity sports teams, Campus Activities Board, HAVOC, Office of Admissions positions, and choir, as well as a seemingly endless list of other involvements. Right now, 18 of the girls are on campus, and an additional five are either abroad or on leave for the semester.

Planning for the new sorority began informally last year and continued over the summer through a series of emails. After returning to campus this year, the girls wrote a constitution, held elections, and prepared their ISC proposal. "We had to brainstorm what we wanted to do and who we wanted to be," said Alex Sear '05, secretary of the sorority.

In addition to Manwill and Sear, other current officers are Kat McGrory '05, who was elected president, and Lissa Palermo '04, who was elected treasurer. After receiving ISC approval, some of the girls met with Dean Mitchell, who will present the proposal to President Tobin for final approval.

"Hopefully, we'll know before fall break," said Backman, so that they can be included in the official Rush Handbook and hold rush meetings.

This year's service focus is children, and the sorority already has some ideas on where they would like to start. "We're going to be running the FebFest project for snowman-building for kids in Clinton," said Backman, who added that other ideas that are under discussion include holding ice cream socials for kids or organizing a book drive. "We thought it was important to bring together Hamilton and the community," said Manwill.

This plan impressed Lyons. "ISC was very impressed with their plan for philanthropy and service opportunities for girls," he said.

While the girls say they will eventually organize some social functions as well, that will not be their main focus. Additionally, they emphasized that their rush and pledging period will be completely alcohol-free.

"All-campus parties are not our focus," said Manwill. "The focus will be sisterhood and support over alcohol," a focus that was echoed by the other founding members.

For the next week or two, however, the girls are in limbo until they receive their final approval from Dean Mitchell and President Tobin, after which Kappa Sigma Alpha will be able to officially pursue their goals.

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Editorial:

Midterms are approaching, if not already over; papers are piling up, lectures are required, and reading assignments never seem to end. One of Hamilton's selling points is its dedication to a liberal arts education, one that encourages intellectual rigor and a breadth of experience including unconventional opportunities that are hard to find anywhere else. The past few weeks have shown an impressive dedication by the faculty and administration to maintain Hamilton's educational integrity, if not to add to it great ways.

William Wilson and Barbara Ehrenreich, both highly respected and well-regarded in academia, have spoken on these past two Mondays, respectively, at the Chapel. Her visit to campus came weeks after a speech at Harvard, and Hamilton was lucky to have her. Likewise, Wilson's books provide cutting-edge non-fiction that politicians and academics hale as the work of a brilliant man. The departments responsible for the time put into recruiting and attracting the phenomenal speakers that come to the Hill deserve the student body's appreciation and respect.

When many speakers come to a campus, they speak in a large lecture hall and eat dinner with the president of the institution before they leave town; at Hamilton, when a speaker comes to campus, the faculty makes sure that our guest does more than give an hour-long speech. Nearly every famous speaker who has graced the Hill with his presence attends at least one class or has at least some sort of discussion with students. With many students wondering how Hamilton will be thought of in the wake of a scandal surrounding the Honor Code, the faculty has responded by reassuring the community that there is a deep dedication to academic discipline on our campus. Giuliani, Wilson, Ehrenreich, and Massey are all great names in a series of speakers that come to our campus to teach us in a unique way. Our liberal arts college in the middle of nowhere is an institution that is not a rite of passage for white prep-school graduates; it is a campus that fosters intellectual curiosity and the freedom to pursue our quest for a dynamic education.

Doug Massey, another notable scholar who will undoubtedly provide an interesting night of research, is coming to the Hill on Monday. Massey was the president of the American Sociological Association in the year 2001 and is the current department chair of sociology at the University of Pennsylvania. His most recent research that he will be speaking on this Monday is about current immigration ideas, in particular regarding Mexico. These speakers' lives are their work, and supporting them in their performances by showing up and staying for their entirety is essential to Hamilton's continuing tradition of great lecture opportunities. The variation and importance of each of the topics addressed by these three speakers is outstanding.

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To the Editor:

The United Nations is on trial over its will to act on Iraq's well-documented threat. In particular three countries with a U.N. veto are in the dock: China, Russia, and France. Each has a hidden agenda.

China sells Iraq weapons systems: its fiber optic cables underpin Iraq's air defenses. Russian companies now profit from the absence of competition in Baghdad. France has a long and continuing history of ingratiating itself with Saddam's regime.

Furthermore, the dithering on Iraq by the U.N.'s Secretary-General, Kofi Annan, reminds me of a line from Ayn Rand's classic novel Atlas Shrugged:

"In any compromise between food and poison, it is only death that can win. In any compromise between good and evil, it is only evil that can profit."

Those who think Annan stands for peace and justice should take a closer look. You will find a chameleon willing to change to any color to strike that perfect deal — that perfect balance consisting of a bit of freedom and a bit of terrorism.

There are no moral principles involved in this type of U.N. negotiation, just the focus on the compromise, the middle of the road — which inevitably results in getting squashed.

Sincerely,

Jonathan Rick '05

To the Editor:

Sidney and I came to Hamilton College with the eldest two of our four children in the fall of 1952, just fifty years ago. From the start we found it to be a congenial place to live, welcoming to us and nurturing for our kids.

In the course of these many years we have known and interacted with five presidents of Hamilton College, all of them good and honorable men. It is our considered judgment that the best of them was and is President Eugene Tobin, truly "a man for all seasons" ... Robert Whittinton (c 1480 - c 1530).

It saddens us that this humane man was humiliated and driven to resign by the anonymous [please underline] (I underline the word advisedly) action of a vindictive individual(s) who choose to remain nameless.

I find it disturbing that many Hamilton faculty pontificated sanctimoniously about oral plagiarism. However, only the College Chaplain and a visiting professor at the college pointed out how reprehensible it was for someone, who didn't even have the courage of his (her) convictions to give his (her) name, leaked the story to the press.

We had hoped to spend our remaining years happily in this community where we have lived so long. The events of the past few weeks where meanspiritedness seems to prevail have made us wonder.

Faithfully yours,

Eleanor W. Wertimer

Dear Editor:

We are writing in response to the October 4 piece entitled "Greek Afterlife for Alumni Dummies." While many members of the respective societies undoubtedly take offense to the piece's stereotypical characterizations - which are as forgettable as they are tasteless - we specifically object to The Spectator's decision to publish and thereby dignify such a lewd and malicious work. As former staff members, we question the journalistic value of a piece which has the stated objective of "piss[ing] people off." The authors refer to themselves as "insightful"; however, their illustrations are far from enlightening. Their references to illicit drug use and graphic sexual situations - the latter almost exclusively involving female sorority members - add nothing to the ongoing debate as to the role of Greek societies on our campus. It is one thing to argue that such societies contribute to substance abuse and unsafe sexual practices, but labeling their members as drug addicts and prostitutes is entirely unacceptable. Such remarks reveal a lack of decency and unsound reasoning, both of which reflect poorly on the publication and, by extension, our college.

We realize that the dual concepts of freedom of speech and press protect the right of students to satirize in print those things with which they do not agree. Yet must The Spectator publish any work - no matter how destructive and infantile - under the guise that it represents "Insights & Ideas" and hide behind a disclaimer? We think not. Hamilton is an institution of higher learning, not baser instincts. As the college's official newspaper, The Spectator has an obligation to elevate the level of discussion on campus, not drag its readers into the mire of innuendo and insult (two words for which the "I & I" section has come to stand). We therefore urge The Spectator to exercise more discretion and professionalism in the editing process lest the publication lose legitimacy as a serious publication worthy of its sophisticated readership. Moreover, we ask the staff to remove the piece in question from the website and online archives for the sake of maintaining the good reputations of both The Spectator and Hamilton.

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ELECTIONS 2002: Issues and Updates

by Francesca Jenkins '03
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Just How Much Will Iraq Influence Congressional Candidates?

According to the new CNN-Gallup poll released earlier this week, American support for the use of U.S. ground troops invading Iraq has fallen over the past two weeks from 57% to 53%. Support would drop to 33% if 5,000 casualties occur, exemplifying the American refusal to tolerate casualties. Although 49% say the administration has not utilized all diplomatic means to end the crisis, the poll showed that if troops are deployed, 74% would support it, regardless of whether they think it's a good idea.

Why would Iraq affect votes on November 5th? According to the poll, 51% believe Congress should ultimately decide whether the United States should invade Iraq (40% say the decision lies with the President). One of the most striking aspects of the poll was how voters will consider lawmakers' votes on the war on Nov. 5. A third say they are more likely to vote for their Congressional representative if they are in favor of sending troops to Iraq. Also, 22% said a vote against going to war will make them more likely to vote for their representative. The House is expected to vote on granting President Bush the authority to go to war this week, while the Senate is voting next week. The resolution is expected to pass in both chambers.

Senate Control Lies With Seven Seats... (based on *USA Today* political predictions)

Four weeks before Election Day, the battle for control of the Senate appears to hang on seven hotly contested states. The outcome is critical because the Senate gives Democrats their only grasp on federal power. Republicans control the executive branch and have a 223-208 majority in the House of Representatives, which is unlikely to turn over.

Both parties face potential losses by pressured incumbents, such as Arkansas Republican Tim Hutchinson, one of the Senate's most conservative members, and Minnesota Democrat Paul Wellstone, one of its most liberal, who both trail in their respective polls.

The next biggest worry for Republicans is Senator Wayne Allard of Colorado, whose battle against Democrat Tom Strickland is considered even. In New Hampshire Republicans have improved their prospects, as Rep. John Sununu defeated Sen. Bob Smith in the September 10th primary. Polls showed Sununu is a stronger candidate against the Democrat opposition, Governor Jeanne Shaheen.

The Democrats' next biggest concerns are Sen. Tim Johnson of South Dakota and Missouri's Senator Jean Carnahan. In South Dakota, Republican John Thune has launched ads depicting Iraqi dictator Saddam Hussein, while they attack Johnson on national security issues, suggesting slight desperation on Thune's part. Carnahan was appointed to the job after her husband's death two years ago, and she continues to struggle to prove herself. She has an 8-percentage point lead over her Republican opponent in the latest poll, but Democrats believe the race is closer.

Both parties are still waiting to see whether national issues will be decisive. Democrats want to turn the debate to the slumping economy under Bush's leadership and tie it to concerns about job security, prescription-drug costs, and future Social Security benefits. Republicans want to emphasize homeland security and a possible war with Iraq. According to polls, these are issues that voters look to the Republican Party for.

U.S. Supreme Court Won't Hear N.J. Senate Suit

Reviving emotions from the 2000 Bush v. Gore contest, the United States Supreme Court refused the Republican plea to intervene in the New Jersey Senate race, officially allowing Democrats to put former Sen. Frank Lautenberg on the November ballot in place of scandal-plagued Senator Robert Torricelli. When Torricelli dropped out of the race on September 30 after the release of plummeting poll statistics, Democrats decided to replace Torricelli with Lautenberg. Republicans protested, as the deadline under New Jersey law for making a switch is seven weeks before Election Day, and the Democrats had missed it by two days.

The New Jersey state Supreme Court rejected that argument, though, and the federal Supreme Court's refusal to hear the case prevents the Republicans from stopping the Lautenberg candidacy. However, their next move came from the National Republican Senatorial Committee, asking the Federal Election Commission to bar Torricelli from giving his campaign dollars to Lautenberg or the Democratic Party. Lautenberg has to start a campaign four weeks before Election Day basically from scratch. However, recent polls showed Lautenberg with a slight lead over Republican nominee Douglas Forrester.

Changes in the Way We Vote

The New York Times reports that Congress seems to be preparing to pass significant legislation that would increase the reliability of American elections. The 2000 presidential election brought attention to the flaws in voting procedures and equipment, and the House and Senate both passed bills addressing these issues. However, attention died down as two measures failed to reach negotiation. Democrats suddenly became reluctant to sign anti-fraud measures, and Republicans were against increasing the federal government's role in administering elections, which is usually left up to the states.

Last month, Florida experienced déjà vu with hectic Congressional and gubernatorial primaries, reminding officials of the price of inaction. New legislation has been called that Congress has approved and the President is expected to sign. Over the next three years, $3.9 billion in federal funds is to go to the administration of elections. The funds are intended to upgrade equipment, train poll workers, and improve the administration of elections in general. There will also be federal standards initiated in 2004, including "provisional voting" and the ability to re-cast ballots if mistakes were made in casting, as well as measures to ensure voter identity. Most importantly, the image of the dangling chad off a ballot seems to be a thing of the past.

REMEMBER... If you are an American citizen, it is your duty to get out and vote, even in an election off-year! To find out how to register to vote with the National Mail Voter Registration Form, visit www.fec.gov. Or, to get information on voter registration and absentee voting, the Federal Voting Assistance Program offers an index of links to all states' web-sites that enable you to do so: www.fvap.gov/otherlinks/statelinks.html.

Campaign Trail "Tidbits" (Courtesy of the U.S. Department of State)

* *Federal Election Commission:* In a 4-2 vote September 27, the Federal Election Commission adopted rules governing the new campaign finance law's ban on the use of large donations from corporations, unions, and wealthy individuals, but they exempted charitable, educational, and religious groups from political ad restrictions.

Critics said the decision likely will give such groups an incentive to be more political and do things that many organizations cannot under the new law.

* *Multilingual Ballots:* Nearly 300 communities in 30 states must comply with federal Voting Rights Act rulings and provide voters with multilingual election ballots because the local populations are so diverse. The law applies to locations where either 10,000 people or more than five percent of voting-age citizens speak a minority language. Proponents of the law say language assistance encourages minorities to exercise their right to vote and opponents say it fosters division since English is America's language.

* *Primary Vote Turnout:* The bipartisan Center for the Study of the American Electorate says low voter turnout in the 2002 primary election season increased slightly during the August and September contests. The director of the Center, Curtis Gans, said this could mean that voter interest is picking up as the November general election approaches. He also said his statistics indicate that the November voters are likely to be "richer, better educated, slightly more female and slightly more white than the share of these various groups in the population."

* *Overseas Voters:* Taking into consideration both expatriates and members of the U.S. military, there are about six million American citizens living abroad, and both political parties are making efforts to obtain their votes in the midterm election. The voting process is decentralized, with each state setting its own requirements and deadlines for casting ballots. No one is sure how many Americans living abroad vote or for whom they do, which will add even more suspense to the close battles for control of Congress.

* *Third Party Candidates:* The (nonpartisan) Center for Voting and Democracy says third party candidates in congressional races will not win in most cases, but they can still play a significant role in close elections because they can take critical votes away from the loser.

The Center, which favors the use of instant runoff voting - in which candidates are marked in order of preference - says this "spoiler" effect may lead to more serious attention given to instant runoffs and thus prevent it from happening.

* *State Legislatures:* The equality that exists in Congress between Republicans and Democrats extends down to state legislatures. Democrats now control 18 legislatures, while Republicans have the majority in 17, and 14 of the remaining 15 have divided control of the upper and lower chambers. Nebraska is the only state that has a unicameral nonpartisan legislature. According to *State Legislature Magazine*, which tracks elections, a shift of only three seats from one party to the other during the midterm voting would change control of 24 state legislative chambers.

Students: new president must portray "Tobinesque qualities"

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tive talents to run a school.

"It is crucial that the new president be just, be credible as an academic, and be a person who lifts up the people around him," Chambliss said. "He or she must truly believe in the value of higher education and intellectual life. The job is not for the president to be a glamorous figure; the job is to make the college great."

However, many members of the campus community have expressed that the search committee has one goal: to find a new president of the same calibur as President Tobin.

Said Professor of Anthropology Douglas Raybeck, "The job [of the committee] is to find someone who will pick up where President Tobin left off. My guess is the trustees want to perpetuate how the school has been going."

Nii Bentsi-Enchill '05 agreed, noting that the committee "should simply look for 'Tobinesque' qualities, or qualities that surpass those of President Tobin." He asked, "How many presidents do you know who hold weekly open hours?"

Nate Stell '04 echoed Bentsi-Enchill's comments, stating that the members of the committee should look for "whatever they looked for in their last search. They picked a good one."

In addition, Student Assembly member Brian Farnkoff '05 stated, "Obviously no one can replace President Tobin, but his down-to-earth character should definitely be a model for the search. Even though it may seem unfair or impractical to hold applicants up to such high standards, that's the type of president I want."

President of the Class of 2003 Maurice Michaane '03 noted, "it is essential that we find someone who is willing to have open, unfettered access to the student body, and who will carry on the great work President Tobin has done over the past nine years.

"The new President will be in a better position to lead the campus because of Tobin," he added.

However, Professor of Government Ted Eismeier expressed a different point of view. Eismeier recommended "as for the presidential search, we need to think outside the box to find a fresh, inspirational voice to lead us into the future."

Ehrenreich delivers Tolles lecture to packed chapel

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Ehrenreich described being humiliated by mandatory drug tests.

"I think it's a breach of my Fourth Amendment right to freedom from unwarranted search," she said, adding that "The ACLU reported in the year 2000 that pre-employment drug testing does not do the things it's supposed to accomplish; it does not reduce absenteeism or accidents or increase productivity."

Ehrenreich was barely able to survive on her seven dollar per hour wage despite only paying for food, rent and transportation. In securing these necessities, she found affordable housing the most difficult to come by.

"In Key West I lived a while in a trailer in a trailer park. It was a half size trailer which is really tiny, like living in a tin can: six hundred and twenty five dollars a month," Ehrenreich recalled.

Ehrenreich highlighted affordable housing as a major domestic issue in need of national attention. She claimed that in her experiences, she had found high-priced housing to force many out of their homes.

"I worked alongside women who I learned after a while were homeless. These are working people, full time working people. And the one disturbing thing about that to me was not just the fact that they were homeless, but they didn't regard themselves as homeless. They wouldn't have used that word to describe themselves because we now have a hierarchy of homelessness in America...if you have a vehicle to sleep in, you don't think of yourself as being really homeless," Ehrenreich said.

The high incidence of homelessness among those with steady jobs sheds lights on a serious problem in America: employees are often taking home wages that they cannot live on.

While she struggled to survive over the three months of her experiment, Ehrenreich admitted that countless others have a much harder time. She lived alone without having to care for small children. She found parents faced with the dilemma of not only feeding and providing homes for their children, but also of finding someone to care for them during the day while they were working.

Ehrenreich identified providing child-care as one of the main deterrents preventing low-wage workers from attaining economic success. She spoke out in favor of government assistance for parents who work out of the home.

"We need subsidized child care for working parents. We do need a system of cash support for people who cannot take a job because they're already working...raising small children, taking care of elderly relatives or a sick spouse...We need to acknowledge that as serviceable, useful labor and they need to get cash support."

While most of Ehrenreich's messages regarding poverty were received with widespread support, her support for cash allowances to non-working care-givers received mixed response.

"I think that pretty much everybody has to deal with taking care of a sick spouse or taking care of their children and I don't think the government should have to step in and try and give them money for something that is in the family's control, not the government's control," commented Meggie Ito '06.

Another issue Ehrenreich championed on behalf of the working-class poor was the need for universal health insurance. Her position is that while it is difficult for low-wage workers to put food on the table, it is all but impossible for them to afford any quality health coverage.

"Barbara Ehrenreich is absolutely right when she suggests that a decent national health insurance program would go a long way towards alleviating some of the worst aspects of poverty in the United States," Maurice Isserman, Chair of the History Department and the William R. Kenan, Jr. Professor of History said, adding that "Hamilton employees pay thousands of dollars every year in premiums, co-pays, and deductibles, for the privilege of having some HMO bureaucrat tell us why they won't pay for some needed service for our children's health."

Despite Ehrenreich's low quality of living while earning seven dollars an hour, she was considered by the United States government to be living above the poverty level.

"Officially, only about eleven percent of Americans are currently poor. But, this is based on a measure of poverty which is truly obsolete," said Ehrenreich.

The current measures for determining the poverty line are forty years old, according to Ehrenreich, and are in desperate need of revision. The system presently in place does not take factors such as child care and housing into consideration.

Using new criteria for determining poverty, "The Economic Policy Institute in Washington... came up with twenty-nine percent of American families... not making enough to live at a minimal, bare bones level of subsistence and security," Ehrenreich claimed.

Ehrenreich noted that despite national attention, the disparity between social classes is widening. She claims that this trend, which began in the 1970s, is the cause of one of the nation's most serious problems.

"If this trend continues, the trend towards polarization, we will continue to have tax cuts for the wealthy, for example, and service cuts and wage cuts for the poor and the middle class; we will become ever more clearly a nation divided between the haves and [the] have nots... We have been becoming a society divided into gated communities on the one hand and trailer parks and tenements on the other. That is the direction we are going and have been going for some time."

Ehrenreich concluded her lecture by taking a strong stance against a war with Iraq.

"It is being offered to us, I think, as a distraction from both domestic problems, economic problems and from the corporate crime wave that we have just come to find out about," Ehrenreich said.

Ehrenreich conceded that combating terrorism should be a high priority on the Bush administration's agenda, however, noted that problems at home must be addressed as well.

"We also need to protect ourselves against the domestic threat represented by poverty and economic exploitation," Ehrenreich stated.

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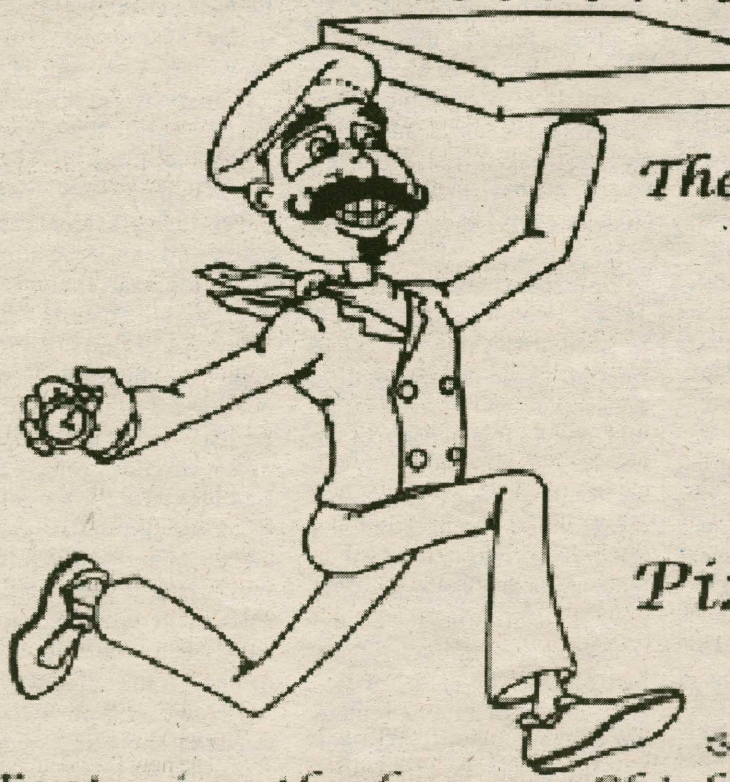
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Students, faculty respond to Tobin's resignation

by Chris Takacs '05
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In the aftermaths of President Eugene M. Tobin's resignation last week, the rally in support of the president, and the ongoing discussions amongst faculty, students, alumni, and trustees, the College has begun looking to the future of both the presidency and the community on the hill.

Informal debates over email, in the dining halls, in offices, and in classrooms have focused on a wide range of issues including what constitutes plagarism, whether Honor Court should be expanded or diminished, whether Hamilton's reputation has been significantly harmed, and how the search for a new president should be conducted.

Student reactions to President Tobin's resignation were mixed and often highly emotional. On the whole, the campus expressed a near-uniform backing of the president; the gestures of support shown by the community included a rally organized by Jason Haas '05 in support of Tobin, a Student Assembly petition asking him to reconsider his decision, and a letter-writing campaign to express campus-wide gratitude.

Reactions of the faculty, however, were more mixed. Professor of Anthropology Douglas Raybeck commented, "These things go through stages: shock, dismay. We are at a point now where people are resigned but saddened... people recognize the irrevocability of President Tobin's decision."

Christian A. Johnson Excellence in Teaching Professor of Sociology Daniel Chambliss added, "Gene's resignation has had an effect in faculty politics, [especially] the question of whether a few people tried to bring Gene down... Most faculty members believed in the resignation, but did not feel that the punishment fit the crime," he noted.

However, James S. Sherman Associate Professor of Government Philip Klinkner predicted that students would "get over [the situation] very quickly."

"This is more something the faculty will have to deal with, for years," he said.

Klinkner continued, "It was the defining moment for me at Hamilton. It has certainly made me reassess my colleagues and the values that Hamilton espouses and does and does not uphold."

Klinkner has also expressed the notion that his concerns about the politics of the issue go deeper. "I think there were some deeply troubling questions about how President Tobin's case was handled," he said.

His concerns were echoed by Professor of Government Theodore Eismeier: "In every way Hamilton has made great progress under President Tobin's leadership. But what I most admire about him are his humility, humor, and kindness, qualities often in short supply among academic administrators. He deserved better."

Eismeier further asserted that Tobin was mistreated by some members of the faculty. "I am angry at the coward who leaked details of this matter to the press even after President Tobin resigned. And I am sad that the faculty was so overwrought about the abstraction of academic integrity that we didn't show leadership in finding a balance between that value and the human values of compassion and loyalty."

In addition to controversy regarding the politics of President Tobin's resignation, the faculty has also become involved in heated debate over the role of the Honor Code and Honor Court in relation to students, faculty, and administration.

Chambliss stated that recently among the faculty "there has been a very active discussion about the nature of plagiarism, what it involved, [as well as] the Honor Code and how it should work."

In a series of emails sent out this past week through the faculty list-serv, a number of professors have suggested that the role of the Honor Court be revaluated. Klinkner is a major proponent of this suggestion.

"We can pretend that the Honor Court works, but it doesn't," he said. "Students continue to violate the Honor Code, students don't turn each other in, many faculty don't report violations... I worry about this."

Klinkner further stated, "If we as a community are going to work, then students are going to have to respect what we stand for, [however] we need to approach these issues with understanding for why [students] are doing these things [violating the Honor Code]."

Professor of Government Theodore Eismeier is another proponent of the revaluation of parts of the Honor Code and Honor Court. He supports the "decriminalization of violations" of the code.

"I tend to think that these issues [Honor Code violations] would be better handled in an educative way than a punitive way," Eismeier said, emphasizing that because of the sometimes serious punishments, "a lot of the faculty are too reluctant to turn things over to the court."

Others such as Professor of Anthropology Bonnie Urciuoli commented that faculty members have expressed concern at how "a lot of academic practice involves moving around information."

She also noted that faculty members have been asking themselves, "to what extent is this copying?"

Students have not refrained from voicing their opinions about the future role of the Honor Court and code. Student Assembly member Nii Ato Bentsi-Enchill '05 asserted that "Hamilton is an institution whose public image rests solidly on the Honor Code, which we hold in very high esteem. President Tobin's mis-citations as they stand will call the Honor Code into question for many students. Many students I have heard discussing this issue, feel that now the honor code cannot be taken as seriously as it once was.

Bentsi-Enchill added, "I do not think this will cause a rash of plagiarism, but students may not hold the rule in the same esteem.

Moreover, members of the campus community have expressed differing viewpoints over how said debates and the consequent publicity will affect the College, both in the long and short runs.

Sharon Rippey, director of media relations, asserted that the press coverage the College has received is far from detrimental. "I'm optimistic enough to think there's no such thing as bad press," she said. "A year from now will anyone remember what the article was about? No. But maybe they'll remember hearing about Hamilton College."

Director of Communications Michael Debraggio agreed. "Half the battle we face is name recognition. When people learn about Hamilton, they generally are very impressed with the College," he said.

"Well, despite the circumstances, we now have greater name recognition than we did three weeks ago, and I think the impression people will have of Hamilton is of a strong college where principles matter," he added. "In my opinion, we owe Gene Tobin a debt of gratitude on both counts."

Students and faculty are hoping that said public image will not affect future admissions.

"Will this issue have a negative impact on admissions for the class of 2007 and beyond? Only time will tell, but I do not think so, at least in a negative way," said Dean of Admission and Financial Aid Richard Fuller.

"In my opinion, our ability to attract the 'best and brightest' hinges on Hamilton faculty's ability to make our new curriculum everything that we might hope for. If we do this right, our new curriculum will help attract more of the students who might earn our highest accolade; this is the kind of student/ applicant/person our faculty would like to have in their classrooms. There is not a higher attribute we can ascribe, nor [a higher one] Gene would support," he noted.

Despite these predictions, many are still concerned with how the situation will affect one particular selling-point: the US News and World annual college rankings.

Samuel Flanegan, research analysist for US News suspects that neither President Tobin's decision to resign nor the publicity it has attracted will seriously affect the College's rankings. Flanegan is one of two analysists at the New York based magazie that compile the college rankings.

"On the survey, we look at the college presidents and provosts, and one of the things that goes into that analysis is the quality of the faculty," he said. "However, I think that it really depends on how big of a spokesperson for Hamilton College he his. In other words, how many people strongly identified him with the College?"

Flanegan added, "Say, perhaps a member of the faculty was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize, and later had it taken back. We would look at that offense in the same way."

However, Nate Stell '04 argued that too many students at Hamilton are overly concerned with outside perceptions of the College such as the US News and World Report.

"We're here, and that's what matters," he said. "If the school's ranking drops a couple of spots, that doesn't change the quality of our education.

Administration questions student's use of quotation

by Chris Preston '03
I&I EDITOR

The *National Journal* posted a brief on Friday, October 4, on its website comparing a Hamilton student's quote that ran in a recent issue of the Utica *Observer-Dispatch* with an identical quote from Senator Robert Toricelli of New Jersey, again raising concerns about plagiarism on the Hamilton campus.

In his September 30 speech announcing his withdrawal from the New Jersey senatorial race, Toricelli posed the question, "When did we become such an unforgiving people?"

Senior class president Maurice Michaane posed the same question as Toricelli when he was interviewed by the *Observer-Dispatch* for an article that ran on the front page of its October 2nd edition regarding the resignation of President Eugene Tobin the previous day. In his quote Michaane expressed sympathy for President Tobin by saying, "When did we become such an unforgiving people?" *The National Journal's* website, nationaljournal.com, ran the two quotes together in its brief, with Michaane's quote appearing immediately below Toricelli's. Whether Michaane's quote officially constitutes as plagiarism or not, the College has thus far taken no action.

"As far as the College is concerned," said Associate Dean of Students Christina Willemsen, "the Honor Code only applies to course work or official academic documents. A quote in a newspaper is outside the purview of the Honor Code."

Just last year, Michaane resigned as president of the Student Media Board after a student's letter to the editor of The Spectator revealed that two paragraphs of an article published in the October 26, 2001, edition of *The Spectator* were taken from an article in the National Review regarding September 11. Michaane's article, entitled "The War Must Go On," constituted plagiarism but did not go through the Honor Court since the plagiarism did not occur in a classroom setting.

Current Student Media Board president Dave Lyons '03 commented on Michaane's history of plagiarism and speculated on the ramifications of this recent incident. "He has been sanctioned by the media board in the past, and given that (the *National Journal*) is an off-campus publication, no further action needs to be taken; however, any additional work he submits to any campus publication should be highly scrutinized," said Lyons.

Michaane himself refused comment.

Battle zone: Coke vs. Pepsi

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Insights & Ideas Contributor

A seemingly superficial question has become a phenomenon as of late. Changes inevitably accompany a new school year: dorms get refurbished, parking privileges become a half-hour commute, new technology labs boast flat-screen Apple and Dell computers, and, of course, there's the influx of freshmen. This year, over-acceptance resulted in a "housing crunch" which was expeditiously dealt with by granting more off-campus housing and through a redefinition of "max capacity" in dorm rooms. Unfortunately for some, one particular first-year was deemed incapable of cohabitation with an incumbent, now exiled, member of the Hamilton community. With the arrival of the Class of 2006 came Hamilton's newest and most ubiquitous member: PEPSI.

At the center of campus lives The Map: a symbol of the unification of Hamilton and Kirkland Colleges. There's a well-known superstition that those who walk over The Map will have bad luck, and those who walk around will not necessarily be granted good luck, but will certainly avoid bad luck. Thus two Hamilton types can be defined by their actions: those who yield and those who don't. While Hamilton personality-types were previously determined by asking, "Do you walk over the Map or around it?" the question has now morphed into, "Do you walk for Coke or balk for Pepsi?" This parallelism represents a now integral part of our identities as individuals and as a community. Perhaps prospective students should be questioned and forewarned in the preliminaries of the admission process. A pre-disposition towards Coke could mean a very long four years on our "pedestrian campus" (Campus Safety Parking brochure).

Although there is not yet a Pepsi dispenser placed on top of The Map, the "underdog" in the battle of the beverages has taken over on our Hill. In a coup-de-Coke, Pepsi has not only invaded the soda fountains and machines, but also managed to contaminate our juice selection and even our water supply. I don't like Pepsi, nor do I care for Aquafina. Pepsi Blue is rather unappealing just as Pepsi Clear was a flop back in the raging Eighties, and I can't bring myself to "Do the Dew" even though it has not yet been found to have the same effect on female egg production as it allegedly has on male sperm count.

While some have developed a defeatist attitude of apathy (they drink Pepsi anyways and attempt to augment their tolerance), others have given up completely and stash their precious aluminum in places vacated by Campus Safety raids. Others have found solutions to the problem: one extremely determined (and highly Pepsi-opposed) friend insists on quenching her preference, and despite the ensuing ridicule, she brings her own can of Diet Coke with her to Commons. Another friend recently noticed a recyclables/5-cent deposit receptacle in Dunham that was overflowing. Coke cans spewed from its inadequate capacity, littering the hallway and signifying the newest addiction to contraband. Coke has been banished, an embargo imposed, and the Coke population suffers "taxation without representation" (To avoid any plagiarism mishaps, I have to cite my "common knowledge" quote. I give full credit to the settlers of the American Colonies who fought for independence from Great Britain as well as any and all historians and history teachers who frequently employ this quote when condensing the triggers of the War for Independence into one tidy phrase.)

Without consulting the population at large and the power-shift took place swiftly and almost unnoticeably. As with many changes who do not receive full support, in three years the nostalgia may fade; those of us who remember Hamilton as a Coca-Cola campus will graduate and enter the "Real Thing World," where our preference for "Always Coca-Cola" is supported. Regardless of the marketing ploys that boast Britney Spears and Austin Powers as

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**The class of 2003 senior gift is:
A scholarship in remembrance of our deceased classmates, Jared Good, Matthew Houlihan, and Christopher Kern.**

***If you are a member of the class of 2003, please participate in giving a future Hamilton student a chance at attending our school in their honor!**

Make a Difference Day

It's not too late! Make a Difference Day provides a chance for community service organizations and people in our community to ask for fulfillment of some of their most basic needs. It is also time for Hamilton volunteers to help make these dreams a reality. On Saturday, October 12th, don't sit back and be a part of the crowd. Join your fellow students in making a difference in the lives of some very special people Breakfast and bag lunch will be provided.

Where: The Events Barn
When: 10:30-Breakfast
11:00-Sign up to volunteer in an org.
11:30-12:00- Depart
4:00-Return to campus

Thumbs Up	Thumbs Down	Who Cares?
-The way the eighth wonder of the world, The Crane, glistens in the October moonlight	- Malnourished sorority girls blocking your view at football games	-The token Tuesday night tanked townie
-Not admitting to being the one who dropped that silent, stinky fart in Religion class	-Goodbye to tanktops and short skirts thanks to this week's shitty weather	-Zero-energy week...by the way, fellas: we'd leave our electric heaters on in Hell just to spite you
-Button down collars, something we will start to see less and less of in the coming weeks	-The return of AD...making it snow year-round again at the Tech	-Tents
-Mr. T	-Alligators...the JV version of Crocodiles	- Juggling Club...what's next, the Hacky Sack Club??
-The women's tennis team--they're nasty, and they wear short-ass skirts	-Bobby Peru...Yodapez has George Sargent '0?, what do you got??	-The constant whining of spoiled Yankee fans. (You lost, boys, get over it.)
-The Duel Observer--saying everything our oppressive editor won't allow us to say	-Scantilly-clad hoes mistaking football games for Bundy parties (When it's light outside, no one will hook up with you.)	-The friggin' Crew Team...we haven't complained about someone who sucks as much as you guys in months
	Chris Preston '03, Paul P. Jones '03	

Mayor's actions spur legalization debates

When first contemplating what I was going to write about, my only thoughts revolved around our current problems with Iraq and more specifically, my utter contempt toward these swine Republicans who are running our country (not to mention our student body).

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INSIGHTS & IDEAS WRITER

Luckily, I happened to pick up an old NY Times I had lying around (I tend to keep newspapers stacked in the corner of my room to urinate on when I'm too tired to walk to the bathroom) and one article in particular caught my eye.

Here was the mayor of Santa Cruz, attending a rally for the legalization of marijuana. But this was no ordinary hippie sit-in. In protest to a recent police raid on a medicinal marijuana distributor, the good citizens of Santa Cruz had decided to just hand the stuff out! "We are trailblazers," the mayor said to an interviewer.

Suddenly my attention had been diverted. Pot, I thought! That's what I'll write about! I had been inspired. There are very few people who frustrate me more than Republicans and whiny femynysts. But these five or six idiots who keep pot illegal have got to take the crown.

Now, hold on a second, I know what you're thinking: this kid's obviously a huge pothead-but it's just not true. I'm not here to advocate the use of that delightful herb, but rather to rant about how ridiculous it is that we still put people in jail for it.

When the mayor of an American city holds the cops off while nuggets are passed out in the street, I think it becomes time for us to evaluate whom this apparent minority is that persists in keeping marijuana illicit.

Basically, I don't care what your views on the sticky green are because no one can deny that our government has done absolutely nothing to keep it off the streets. The proof lies in the fact that anyone with fifteen minutes and a telephone can get high and that's the bottom line. Truthfully the only thing the drug war has done to weed is brought the price of bags to an ungodly fifty dollars (which in my mind is the real crime).

So they've failed and at the cost of about 20 billion tax dollars a year. But don't get too down; the opponents to legalization have given us a lot to be proud of! Like... say... organized crime! Do you know how drug dealers settle their disputes? I'll tell you one thing, it ain't in a court of law.

Gangs sustain themselves on drug money and no one in a gang is going to the police if they get a kilo stolen–they take matters into their own hands. Inflated prices due to the drug war create an irresistible allure to many. Street violence is a direct product of our policies.

Even more distressing is the disproportionate number of minorities and impoverished citizens who are targeted by our war against drugs. If any of you have ever been outraged at the percentage of young black men in prison, it's the war on drugs that puts them there.

While many decree that marijuana is a gateway drug, did anyone stop to think that maybe this is because the sketchy dealer that sells you dope will probably offer other drugs as well? If ganja were legalized most people would have no reason to involve themselves in the underworld with which drugs are currently associated.

If marijuana were legal, you probably wouldn't be able to get it unless you were twenty-one. What is harder for today's high school kids to get their paws on, a handle of vodka or an eighth of grass? In many cases it's the vodka. Now I'll admit, getting liquor isn't one of the toughest challenges in the world (we've all done our share of under-age boozing) but we can all agree that it doesn't take a fake ID to get some weed.

We spend unbalanced amounts of money on law enforcement and not enough on treatment and preventative education. We clog up our prisons with minor offenders while heroine addiction continues to rise.

What the drug war has done is to skew the lines between drug use and drug abuse. Any form of drug use is automatically viewed as out of control and harmful to others. In our present society we all can attest to the falsity of the stigma of disorderly behavior surrounding marijuana use is false-no stoner is going to pull a knife on you unless he's making himself a peanut butter and jelly sandwich.

In contrast, drug abuse is indeed a frightening and dangerous thing. Precisely for this reason we need to divert our governments desire to arrest Johnny-I-Puff-On-The-Weekend and instead work on helping the many who are caught in the grips of serious addictions.

If we legalized marijuana we could center our attention on fighting chemical drugs such as heroine, cocaine and methamphetamines. Right now we simply throw users of these drugs in to jail with outrageous sentences. We need to put more effort into rehabilitation rather than law enforcement.

Of course, our domestic problems are only the tip of the iceberg. A lot of your tax dollars go directly to Colombia, where we shove billions straight into the pockets of questionable generals and politicians. Corruption and terrorism run rampant in Colombia, where we still get a staggering ninety-percent of our refined coke.

Over the past twenty years that country has seen more than 200 terrorist bombs decimate their cities (more than half of these bombs more powerful than the one set off in Oklahoma City).

Colombia has had entire political parties wiped out over the cocaine industry; hundreds of judges and half of their Supreme Court Justices murdered, 300,000 (non-military) citizens killed in the struggle. But I haven't seen very many of those stories in the newspapers-the government would hate for it to appear as if we're tearing countries apart rather than eradicating the coca trade.

We successfully eliminated cocaine export out of Peru, but like squeezing a balloon, the problem simply shifted to Colombia. While we vainly attempt to stem supply, we do barely anything to quell demand. Instead of helping the situation, the war on drugs simply inflates prices, encouraging more people to sell.

Don't be fooled by the false statements US policy makers spit at the public-they're lying. Our thirty-year war on drugs has failed. The only reason something hasn't already been done is because too many of us (aged 18-25) are too lazy to get to a voting booth.

Grandma and grandpa sure as hell aren't the ones getting arrested for narcotics possession, but they are the ones putting more out-of-touch aging white men into office.

We the youth take the brunt of these laws, yet we are powerless to do anything about it simply because we have terrible voter turnout. So I challenge the Hamilton student body: take five minutes between binger hits to go online to view for yourself the horrific situation the US government has created for us.

Take ten minutes and write an email to any of the countless organizations involved, or even better, a local politician. As the educated youth of America, we should be demanding to no longer stomach these absurd policies. In a time when domestic troubles are being overshadowed by foreign affairs, we cannot forget these things that touch us even here in remote Clinton New York.

This is getting ridiculous!

All campus e-mailers must be stopped

You know the feeling. After one day of not checking your Hamilton e-mail account, you sign on and discover how popular you are. "46 unread emails," it cries to you. Before you wet your pants, you then see the actual e-mails, and your self-esteem crashes to the ground. Yes, you are still a loser, and yes, no one worthwhile actually wants to talk to you. At the most you receive two or three "real" e-mails. This has gotten out of hand. You "all campus listserv" people have got to stop. It's absurd. I'll check my e-mail, delete the 17 "junk" mails, and five minutes later I'll go to the "My Hamilton" site and there will be eight more "unread". For the love of God, figure out another way to get your message across.

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It only hurts the reputation of your club when you send out three or four all campus emails. We got the point the first time. We don't need any reminders, and we certainly don't need you to repeat yourself. If we're interested, we'll let you know. It's as simple as that. Lately, I've been disgusted by getting e-mails with the subjects having nothing to do with the actual content of the email. The sender says, "Just wanted to get your attention so you would read this!" I think that's pathetic, and if that's a tactic you have to use to inform people of your purpose, your cause is not even worthwhile.

Other times organization leaders will send out one e-mail and then another because they made a mistake in the first one. "Sorry, but the meeting will actually be at 7:00 instead of 5:45!" If you can't even get down the right time of your own meeting you belong in a group home. "Great way to introduce your club. Now that I know the president is a total jackass sign me up!" What was the point was of having a club fair then? If I didn't stop at your table and sign up for your mailing list, then I probably wasn't too interested. So leave me alone!

This problem of all campus emails is not restricted to student organizations. Various college offices are also bombarding me with email I could care less about. I'm a freshman- I'm not going abroad this year, I'm not ready for career counseling, and I sure as hell don't need any reminders about parking considering I'm not even allowed to have a car!. Let me worry about getting through my freshman year without reminding me to work on my resume.

From time to time random students take it upon themselves to share their insights with the entire campus. After news of President Tobin's resignation, I received about seven e-mails from students just wanting to voice their opinions. I'm glad you're passionate about this issue, but this is just not the place. Yes, I too had an opinion, but I wasn't about to whine about it to the entire campus. If I wanted your take on the matter I would have asked. Period.

Now I'm going to tell you all how this madness is going to stop. There will be a new rule with all campus e-mails. Every office, organization, and person will be allowed to send one. These emails will have a clause at the bottom stating something along the lines of, "If you wish to receive more e-mails from_______, send a reply to ____." If you don't want any more emails from a certain source, you will no longer get them. It sounds like a pain, but it will stop the insanity. Here is another, perhaps more practical solution: a new page on the Hamilton website will be set up entitled, "Daily E-mails." Copies of the email sent to the all campus address for that day will be posted. That way you can still find out what's going on and not receive the e-mails if you choose. The daily all campus e-mails will be archived for a period of one week. Should you wish to subscribe to a club mailing list, just reply to the sender of the message and you will be added.

I propose these new standards because I am fed up. I like e-mail, and I like getting it from my friends, family, and organizations THAT I WANT TO BE INVOLVED IN! I'm sick of being solicited by the same clubs over and over that do not interest me. If you can't get enough people to join your club, change it! In an ideal world we'd all love to do more extracurricular activities and try new things. But in reality there is simply not enough time. So you all campus e-mailers, do the rest of us a favor and take a breather. I don't want to have to dread checking my email anymore.

Sexual assault: Hamilton's open secret

In poetry workshop this week—a class in which diction is under the microscope—I asked my students to come up with synonyms for a sexually experienced man. There was a brief silence. After a pause someone called out "stud," another said "player." Needless to say, we all had the words for a sexually experienced woman on the tips of our tongues.

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PROFESSOR OF ENGLISH

In this same class of 16 students, all juniors and seniors, I asked how many knew a woman on this campus who had been sexually assaulted; half the students put up their hands. I then asked how many of them knew of women on this campus who had become pregnant; again, half the students—not necessarily the same students—put up their hands. Given that this is a highly unscientific survey, let us suppose that half of those who put up their hands in each case knew the same women who had either been assaulted or become pregnant. That still means that four women—in each case—were represented in that room. That is one quarter of the students in my room and jives exactly with the statistics gleaned in the study of sexual assault at Hamilton conducted by Cory Lown and Katie Adelstein a year ago last summer.

Why did I ask these questions? On October 3rd I attended a Take Back the Night speak out arranged by the coordinators of Hamilton's Sexual Assault Center and their faculty advisor, Dana Luciano. I am a member of the Harassment Grievance Board—a board that is charged with hearing cases of all kinds of harassment, including sexual assault—and went to show my support. About 70 people attended, mostly female students. There were a handful of male students, and several faculty and staff, again mostly female. The idea behind the speak out was for people who have been sexually abused or assaulted to be heard in public without questions or assumptions. No one is obliged to speak, but about 20 people did. Some of them were survivors of childhood attacks; some had been assaulted or had witnessed assaults as teenagers or off campus; and quite a few had been assaulted at Hamilton College by men they knew.

It is hard, when listening to such painful stories of humiliation, betrayal and self-contempt to decide which is the worst part. Is it that many men apparently don't care if a woman says "no"; is it that they don't even care if she's awake or conscious when they proceed to have intercourse; is it that when the woman finally screws up the courage to tell someone —her mother, her best friends, her ex-boyfriend—she is told that it could not have happened or that she must have been "asking for it"; that so many women themselves believe that they were the ones at fault, (if only they hadn't gotten drunk, worn that skirt, trusted that man), and begin a cycle of psychic and physical self abuse? Or is it the pathetic yet understandable perversion of thought expressed by more than one woman that they were almost flattered they had been "chosen" for sexual assault because it was proof that they were sexually desirable, and isn't that, after all, what all women most want to be?

Clearly the event was a success for the women who came to hear and be heard: many women began their stories with the statement, "I didn't think I'd say anything tonight"; some were telling their stories for the first time. At the same time I am concerned that the people who needed to hear their stories—the men of this community—were not there. It its true, as one student admitted, that binge drinking encourages irresponsible behavior by men and women and drastically reduces a woman's chances of fighting for herself or being able to articulate whether she consents to sex. But by law on this campus, a rape has occurred if a woman was unable to give consent for any reason, and by law a man is responsible even if he is drunk at the time of the assault. Everyone should know this.

I left the speak out feeling sad, discouraged and angry; discouraged because the situation is so overwhelmingly a reflection of our general culture that it seems almost impossible to change; angry because we have abdicated our responsibility to young men and women by bombarding them with sexually explicit material and yet refusing to discuss sexuality and responsibility in a meaningful way. It is no accident that the double standard for men and women—he is a "player" and she is a "whore"—breeds an environment where sexual assault is an open secret. For if a woman is still supposed to be pure and submissive where sex is concerned, how is she supposed to defend herself against an attack or even prepare for consensual sex and protect herself from unwanted pregnancy or STDs? If she prepares for or responds positively to sex, she is a "whore" and is branded as such by her community. So the best route is to remain unprepared and trust that her friends will take care of her if anything should happen. At the same time, men are encouraged to think of sex as a sport or even a practical joke with intercourse as the goal: a woman is a means to sexual pleasure, not an active participant in it. How otherwise can we explain the allure of having sex with someone who is comatose? Perhaps some of this is attributable to youth and the discomfort with sexuality, the social awkwardness of asking someone if she is ready and willing. Better to get drunk and get her drunk and avoid all that. But much of it, I'm afraid, has to do with the general degradation of women, and the prevalent idea among men that sex is and should be conquest.

I am writing, mostly, in an effort to appeal to the readers of The Spectator to become more active in prevention. The Harassment Grievance Board exists to hear cases, but very few people come forward. I want to encourage people to come forward, even though we all recognize how painful and frightening this can be, and even though, because these crimes are usually committed behind closed doors, there can be no guarantee of the outcome. However, if more survivors come forward, if more men are made to confront the harm they have done, perhaps something will change. At the same time, I encourage all members of this community to act preemptively: to the women students I say, don't believe it can't happen to you; visit the Sexual Assault Center and support women who have been assaulted; watch how much you drink and with whom; don't leave drunk friends at a party; take a self-defense course; spread the word to younger women students and take care of them; use condoms. To the men students I say everything I have said above plus the following: invite Men Advocating Change to your fraternities, your clubs, your teams; believe your friends when they tell you they've been assaulted; speak up when you hear a man degrading women or doubting a woman's story of assault; if you are with a woman who is too drunk to consent to sex, wait until she's sober; use condoms; and above all, take care, not advantage, of your women friends.

Last Sunday the primary headline of the Observer-Dispatch read "Campus Rape All Too Common." Somehow, however, Hamilton was not mentioned among the local colleges and universities where assaults and rapes occur. Let us not pretend that Hamilton is a place where "nothing ever happens." Let us instead be the college that's doing something about it.

CONTACTS:
Harassment Grievance Board x4106

Men Advocating Change x2478

Sexual Assault Center

YWCA Rape Crisis Hotline x5000

Pepsi vs. Coke

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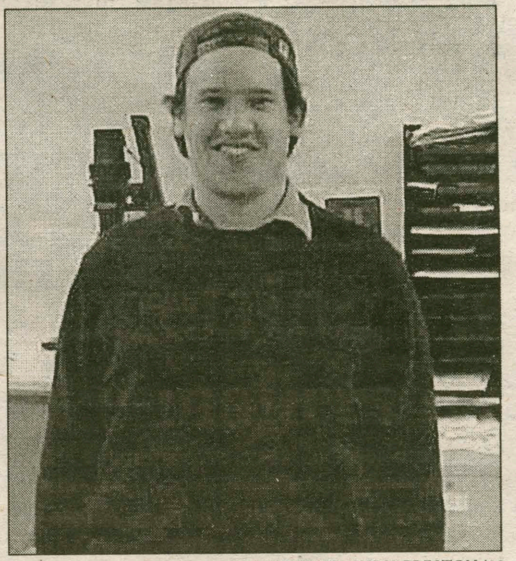
high-profile spokespeople, Pepsi just can't compare. Give it a twist and a new color scheme, exile the competition, and put dispensers in McEwen (why did they do that?), but Pepsi will probably never be a supported member of the community. No graduation date has been set, but loyal Coke drinkers with Hamilton in their distant futures hope Hamilton will return to the school it once was.

In the latest *News and World Report* Hamilton College ranked 18th. Unfortunately, this well-earned position correlated with our Coke status. Can Pepsi survive? Will the seemingly superfluous change profoundly affect us? Has it already? In a few years we might all look back on these current events with hypotheses drawing into question the triggers and preconditions of the issues that plague us beyond beverage selection. Does Pepsi imply plagiarism? It can't quite compare to the Original and highly secretive formula of Coca-Cola; it has a different taste and look, but the similarities are unsettling. Has this monster taken over our rational honesty in decision–making as well as our dining halls? The Tobin resignation should inspire Pepsi to have as much dignity; "Do what is best for the community as a whole."

Everyone is bound by the Honor Code; ignorance is no excuse. Loyalists of the Good Old Coke Regime agree: present the case, review the facts, give it an XF, expel the "Fresh, Crisp taste," and "LET US HAVE COKE!"

Random Hamilton Profile



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Name: George Sargent
Class year: 2005
Birthday: June 23, 1981
Hometown: Jamaica Plain, MA
High School: St. George's
Campus Residence: Babbitt
Strangest place you've ever woken up on campus: My own bed
Place you usually wake up on campus: My own bed
Academic Interests: Russian ballet and economics
Extracurricular Interests: IM soccer (I'm the "Rebel Pleather"), Yodapez, fraternizing with Officer O'Connor, keeping frightened Jitney drivers in line
Least favorite professor: I'm taking a class with him/her right now, so I will refrain from commenting.
Favorite Drink: Haake Beck
What's the one thing you do not want your parents to know about your life on the Hill: That my outstanding parking tickets cost more than my tuition.
Fraternity that sucks the most: Delta Phi–they're brutal.
Sorority that sucks the best: PBX, but I wouldn't know.
Best part of alumni weekend: Seeing the Yankees get their asses whooped by the Angels. Yankees suck!
Final Words: Happy Birthday to KB.

Scientific misconduct in the news:

Physicist at Bell Labs found guilty of falsifying data

by Tim Evans '05
SCIENCE WRITER

Last month, notable physicist J. Hendrik Schön was found guilty of scientific misconduct, resulting in his dismissal from his position at Bell Labs.

In his career Schön published many groundbreaking papers in condensed-matter physics and solid-state devices. Schön, along with his coauthors, would most likely have been renowned for their discoveries.

One problem: Schön committed egregious scientific misconduct by using the same data for different purposes and generating so-called "data" from analytical algorithms.

This falsification resulted in very similar graphs being used for different purposes in different papers, unreasonable precision of data, and results that contradict known physics. Furthermore, he has no official record of his experiments– he did not keep a lab notebook, and he destroyed all of his primary data. The discovery of this fraud cost Schön his job and jeopardized the careers of his coauthors.

Hendrik Schön was employed by Bell Labs, a unit of Lucent Technologies. As he wrote more papers, scientists began to question his work. As a result, Lucent assembled a committee in May, 2002, to consider "the possibility of scientific misconduct, the validity of the data and whether or not proper scientific methodology was used in papers by Hendrik Schön, et al., that are being challenged by the scientific community."

The committee was composed of five scientists and engineers from academia with expertise in the areas of Schön's work. It was chaired by Malcolm Beasley, the Theodore and Sydney Rosenberg Professor of Applied Physics at Stanford University.

The committee refined a list of 24 specific allegations against Schön and his coauthors, sent questionnaires to all authors of the papers in question, interviewed the four primary authors, including Schön, and, in September 2002, published a report on its findings, which Lucent made available to the public via its website, www.lucent.com.

The committee found that in 16 of the 24 cases, there was a preponderance of evidence that Schön had committed misconduct, including substitution of data (i.e., using the same set of data to show phenomena with different objects) and falsification of data (i.e., the data was generated analytically). This analytical generation can be detected if the data matches up too well with the theory to come from experiment; this can be seen by looking at the similarities or smoothness of curves and their derivatives or by comparing the data to the theoretical values.

As a result of these findings, according to a Lucent press release on its website dated September 25, 2002, Schön was fired from Lucent.

The committee decided it could not answer the question of what degree of professional responsibility Schön's coauthors had for the validity of the work presented in his papers, so they presented their dilemma to the scientific community.

While it was obvious to the committee that it was Schön, not his coauthors, who committed all the misconduct leading to the papers, it was not so clear whether or not his coauthors should share part of the blame. The committee suggested three "minimal principles" to guide collaborative scientific work:

"All collaborators share some degree of responsibility for the entirety of any paper of which they are a coauthor." The committee added, "Coauthors, through their explicit association with the papers, by implication endorse the validity of the work.

Hamilton College Associate Professor of Chemistry Ian Rosenstein agrees, "If you're a coauthor of a paper, you are at least partially responsible for what's in the paper -- your name is on there."

The committee was quick to warn, however, that each coauthor cannot reasonably be held to full responsibility for the paper: "the relative responsibility of researchers with very different expertise, seniority and levels of participation must be considered, particularly in view of the increasing importance of interdisciplinary research."

Finally, the committee suggests, "Collaborative scientific research requires a high level of trust among the participants. However, such trust must be balanced with a responsibility to ensure the veracity of all results. Shared credit for the accomplishment must be matched with shared responsibility."

On the other hand, Hamilton Assistant Professor of Philosophy Marianne Janack, who teaches courses in the philosophy of science, believes that scientists should be held accountable for evaluating the professional reputations of those with whom they collaborate: "In signing on as a coauthor, I'm implicitly stating my trust in the professional standards of all the other coauthors."

She disagrees, however, that coauthors are fully responsible for their colleagues' fraud: "I don't think you can be held responsible for making a judgment of trust that seems well-founded."

The committee further writes that "coauthors often have access to technical details that other parties... do not have, and thus the coauthors are the first line of defense against misconduct."

Rosenstein qualifies this assertion, limiting it to collaborative relationships in which the coauthors work closely together and meet regularly, rather than more distant relationships, such as in the Schön case, where one person synthesizes a material and then sends it to another for measurement.

The committee, however, points out in its report that coauthors should question the lead scientists when remarkable discoveries are to be published, not because the lead scientists are not trustworthy, but rather because these coauthors will likely have to answer questions about the results as they are scrutinized by other scientists.

Janack, on the other hand, contends that collaborative scientific research has a high degree of division of labor among experts in very different and very specialized fields. Hence, the coauthors might not know what questions to ask, and they might not be able to differentiate between a correct and an incorrect answer.

In fact, one of Schön's coauthors, Bertram Batlogg, wrote in response to the committee's report, "Indeed, questions for additional data and for experimental details have been an important part of the 'quality and validity control' exercised by myself. To these probing questions I received answers that appeared at that time reasonable and satisfactory and that would not indicate any reason to doubt the validity of the work."

Rosenstein suggests that human nature might explain why coauthors might withhold their doubts about work to be published; "When something looks exciting, sometimes people are blinded by the prospect of glory and forget to ask the hard questions," he said.

Janack similarly suggests that coauthors, particularly ones whose contributions are minimal, may be motivated to put their name on a paper to further their own careers; they may have "professional expectations for publication."

Rosenstein adds, "Scientists are proud and insecure... and may be hesitant to ask a question for fear of looking stupid."

When asked about crossing the line of trust in a professional relationship, Rosenstein offered that junior members of a research team, such as an undergraduate student, would probably feel uncomfortable confronting a senior member, such as a professor, about potential fraud.

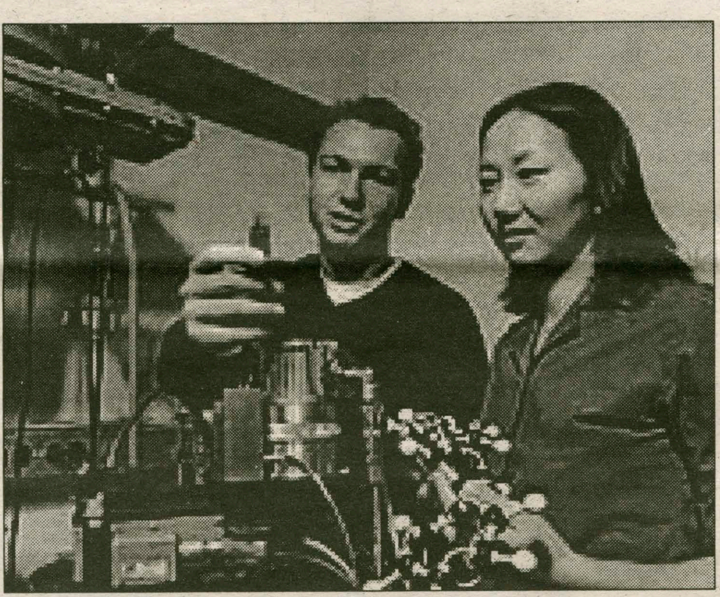
For such cases, or others involving potential scientific misconduct by faculty members, Hamilton has established a Scientific Misconduct Review Board, an investigative faculty committee appointed by the dean of the faculty.

According to its current chair, Associate Dean of the Faculty Tim Elgren, Board records dating back to 1990 indicate that the board has not met since then because "no formal charges had been filed during this time."

The Schön case raises a plethora of questions for the scientific community. Should scientists have professional ramifications if fraud is discovered in a paper on the part of one of their coauthors?

Is it reasonable to hold all coauthors accountable for everything in a paper, even in areas outside their own expertise? What is the best way for scientists to ensure that results derived from falsified data do not get published?

Janack suggests that after this case has raised these questions, potential co-authors should take their decision to put their name on a paper more seriously. Answering the question will require thoughtful and extensive discussion among scientists; as it stands now, the issue of coauthor responsibility can be summed up simply-as Rosenstein puts it, "it's gray."



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Here, Hendrik Schön (left) shows collaborator Zhenan Bao (right) a molecular-scale transistor, the fabrication of which brought both scientists much noteriety. Unfortunately, the transitor wasn't the only thing that Schön fabricated.

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Senior Fellow studies life from death in chicks

by Jessica Atcheson '03
FEATURES WRITER

As one of this year's three Senior Fellows, Samuel Klempner '03 will spend the year working in the biology lab, studying a specific aspect of the development of vasculature in chick embryos. His project is entitled "Investigation of the Morphogenesis of Ephemeral Aortic Arches in Chick Embryos with Special Attention to a Role for Apoptosis in Their Removal."

Aortic arches are a customary feature in the development of chick embryos. They are a series of six blood vessels that connect the heart with the aorta during their development. Noting that during the growth of the embryo to more advanced stages some pairs of these aortic arches are formed and then somehow removed, Klempner summarized, "They come and go and no one knows how they go."

Klempner's hypothesis is that apoptosis, or programmed cell death, is responsible for the disappearance of the aortic arches. Klempner's research is nothing short of groundbreaking, since the possible role of apoptosis in this process has been unexplored in the field up to now.

Professor of Biology and Primary Advisor to Klempner Sue Ann Miller remarked that the chick embryo is one of the favorite models of human development: "They are more like us than other mammalian models."

She points out that this research then correlates with a number of other issues, such as the development of defects in embryos.

In order to conduct research on his topic, Klempner will be spending hours at a time in the lab, stopping chick embryos at specific hours of development during which the aortic arches are approximately known to appear and regress, hoping to catch them at the point of regression.

After stopping the development at certain stages, he will use a special stain to mark cells that are undergoing apoptosis and proceed to analyze the presence of those cells. He will also be looking at the role of cell division in the creation and regression of aortic arches.

The major challenge is dealing with the range in the development of these embryos, as not all aortic arches develop and disappear at a specific time, but rather during a variable period of time.

Miller noted, "It's going to take him a lot of time just getting to the ones that are appropriate."

Klempner was inspired to undertake this fellowship as the result of a class taken with Miller. Klempner wrote in his fellowship proposal, "As I delved deeper into vertebrate embryology in a course entitled Vertebrate Development I found myself ever more captivated by the beauty of the relationships between form and function. I found it amazing that death could play such a vital role in forming life."

While discussing possible subjects for a senior thesis in Biology with Miller, Klempner suggested his current project; Miller mentioned that perhaps the project was too large for a senior thesis, and may be better explored through a senior fellowship, and the process began there.

"A very good mind and a good set of hands in lab," Miller said, describing Klempner as a student that had the personality and approach to undertake a senior fellowship.

Klempner, who feels that not many students are aware of the opportunity of a Senior Fellowship, said, "It's one aspect of life that Hamilton doesn't really expose you to as individual research." Miller described it as "a little piece of grad school within a liberal arts context."

"The fellowship program has its plusses and minuses," Miller said, "but it gives students the opportunity to get in and use their own knowledge."

She continues, "There are a lot of good students here at Hamilton that should consider that kind of project. They can benefit from considering it."

John O'Neill, Director of the Senior Fellowship Program, commented, "The sciences are the best channel towards a senior fellowship," while noting that approximately half of senior fellowship projects have been in the sciences.

He emphasized, though, that senior fellowship projects in any discipline are possible, evident just in this yearís diversity of fellowship projects, which cover a range of disciplinesóbiology, sociology, religion, music and anthropology.

PHOTO BY ANNNATASHA GRITTEN '03

Klempner displays the steady confidence of a man who spends long hours in a lab with chicks.

NATIONAL COMING OUT DAY

OCTOBER 11, 2002

In recognition of National Coming Out Day, we, the undersigned staff, administrators and faculty, would like to stand up and be recognized. We are only a small percentage of the many gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered members of the Hamilton community, including students, alumni/ae and friends of the college. We are out and proud, and we affirm that fact today in order to celebrate and support our diverse community. We also acknowledge and continue to stand together with all members of the Hamilton community who challenge and resist discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation and/or gender identity.

Heather Buchman, Music
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Mark Masterson, Classics
Kirk Pillow, Philosophy
Minnie Bruce Pratt, Women's Studies
Mitchell Stevens, Sociology
Jenn Sturm, Chemistry

Freds and Gingers in training?

by Rebecca Fabricant '03
FEATURES WRITER

Dance enthusiasts at Hamilton, both dancers and admiring onlookers, have an increasingly wide variety of outlets for their talents and interests. Building on and supplementing the academic dance program, student groups range from ultra-demanding to the just plain fun.

Many dancers in search of a challenge and ready to make a serious commitment are drawn to The Hamilton College Dance Team. Spectators can catch the group performing at the Menís Varsity Basketball games during half time and time-outs.

The Dance Team features pre-choreographed hip-hop and jazz routines for serious dancers who want to explore dance beyond the ballet and modern dance offered in class. Members are selected at annual tryouts, to which every Hamilton student is invited. Team captains use a criterion of ability, precision, presence, and commitment in choosing the team's members.

Leading the Dance Team for the 2002-2003 academic year are co-captains Rachel H. Geringer-Dunn '04 and Alison Suchoboky '03. This year's Dance Team has nineteen members - a record for the five-year old group.

Although the Dance Team has traditionally been an all-female group, Geringer-Dunn emphasizes that male students are invited to audition. The team usually meets for two-hour practice sessions three times a week.

During the sports season, practice hours can increase to ten hours a week in addition to performance time. The Dance Team is looking to expand to other sports venues, so donít be surprised if you see the dancers at Womenís Varsity Basketball games or even Menís Hockey.

If Latin is your beat, by all means check out Tropical Sol, the only group at Hamilton devoted solely to Latin dance. Tropical Sol dancer and founding member Katheryn Dunkel '05 said that the group "brings a different flavor to the campus."

Celebrating the joy and beauty of Latin dance is the main goal, but fun and camaraderie are definite fringe benefits. Dunkel said the group strives to maintain strong bonds among team members.

Credit for founding the group goes to Erica Gomez '05, who approached Dunkel and Valerie Perez '05 with the idea of a Latin dance group in the summer of 2001.

"We wanted to give students an opportunity to learn experience and perform Latin dancing, as well as bring an awareness to the campus," said Dunkel.

Although originally incorporating other dance styles, such as hip-hop, the group is now totally focused on Latin dance. Gomez is head choreographer, assisted by Dunkel and Perez. At present, the group numbers thirteen, with ten women and three men.

At the beginning of the semester, Tropical Sol practices once a week for about an hour, but as performance times approach, practice sessions increase to two or three times a week and can last for several hours. Look for Tropical Sol at the upcoming Culture Fest.

The group also expects to perform at LaVanguadiaís Carnival, BSU's Carnival, and is open to other opportunities.

Finesse is Hamilton's only step team, led this year by co-captains Nicholle Smith '04 and Nathaly Francois '04. Formed in the fall of 2000, the group's first performance was at CultureFest of that year. Finesse dancer Allison Hind '03 notes that step is a rhythmic form of dance that originated in Africa.

The group aims to promote diversity and stresses a multicultural tradition. Fourteen women and one man complete the fifteen-member group.

Finesse dancers generally practice two to three times a week. Before a big event, however, daily practices are not uncommon. Right now, Finesse steppers are gearing up for a performance at CultureFest on November 9. Also check out Finesse this spring at every home game of the Men's and Womenís Varsity Basketball Teams.

Hip-Hop Explozion (with a "Z") is a brand new dance group on campus. Look for its first performance at Culture Fest in November. Adam Collins '05 is captain of the nine-person team (seven women and two men). Collins brings to the group a strong background in choreography, including experience at the professional level.

The only dance group oriented to hip-hop dance, Hip-Hop Explozion pledges to promote diversity in the Hamilton community by presenting the hip-hop culture through dance. According to hip-hopper and Finesse dancer, Hind, the group has its origins in Finesse, and like Finesse is strongly committed to multiculturalism at Hamilton. During the spring semester, Hip- Hop Explozion will add reggae to its repertoire for events such as Carnival.

Inspired by such a diverse range of options, but limited to dancing in the dark because of your two left feet? Never fear, a brand new Hamilton dance group is being formed for the rest of us. The unique vision of Music and (e)Motion might be just your cup of tea. Formed last month, the group came about in response to a Woman's Studies activist project.

Led by Maura Boyle '04 and Meg Swertlow '04, the group seeks to combat poor body images though exercise in an environment that nurtures a positive body image. Boyle points out that though many women go to the gym as part of their daily routine, the fitness center can actually be a counter-productive experience, as it often fosters an unhealthy and obsessive environment that only perpetuates the problem of body image.

Dance style at Music and (e)Motion is literally interpretative ñ the dancer is free to move however he or she wishes. Boyle notes, "We try to encourage dancers to be less conscious of their dancing, but just to let the music move them."

In general, however, be warned that both the dancing and music are very high energy. Zach Brown '03 described it as, "hard core freestyle aerobics."

The group plans to have sessions several times a week. Although only four to ten dancers participated in the first few sessions, Boyle and Swertlow expect that the group will attract additional participants when the message gets out. Most Music & (e)Motion dancers are female, but the group has male participants and looks to add to its numbers from both sexes.

Though each group has its own distinct personality and vision, there is overlap among the groups. A mutual respect among the teams solidifies the closeness of the dance community at Hamilton. Several members of Tropical Sol also perform with Finesse. Tropical Sol dancer Dunkel believes there to be an especially strong bond between Finesse and Tropical Sol because the groups have similar attitudes toward dancing and teamwork.

Finesse dancers also overlap with Hip-Hop Explozion. Though some dancers noted that relationships had not always been smooth between selected groups, many welcomed a new attitude of mutual affirmation that pervades dance at Hamilton.

PHOTO BY ANNATASHA GRITTEN '03

Two joyful Music and (e)Motion members turn it up, '80's style, at a recent practice.

Record pumpkin sales bring Halloween joy to sick child

by Beth Scagnelli '04
FEATURES WRITER

The month of October is nearly halfway over, and Halloween is right around the corner. With this fall holiday come visions of costumes, candy, and, above all, pumpkins.

Bob and Carol Renauld, who operate the Griffin House Bed and Breakfast on Griffin Road, have decided to use pumpkins to aid a child in need that may not be able to fully participate in the festivities of Halloween this year.

This is the third year of Griffin House's annual pumpkin sale. Each year, the Renaulds raise pumpkins in the patch outside the House. On the first weekend of October they hold their benefit and donate 100% of the proceeds to a child burdened with medical needs and expenses who is somehow affiliated with Clinton.

"We try to find a child with a medical problem who has high bills," Carol Renauld explains.

"I really love growing pumpkins," says Carol. "We had more pumpkins than we could possibly use."

As a result, she and her husband conceived of selling their surplus pumpkins in a benefit event, and thus a tradition was born.

"We somehow came up with the idea of benefiting a child, just because . . . we were thinking that pumpkins are geared towards children," Carol comments.

The 2002 benefit was held on October fifth and raised $473. "We try to look for college events," says Carol. "It's beneficial if we can have [the sale] when there's an event at Hamilton because we get a little better traffic."

As this past weekend was Fallcoming Weekend, it turned out to be the perfect time for the Renaulds to hold the benefit.

The benefit is becoming more and more of a success. "We raised, this year, almost $200 more [than last year]," Carol recalls. "Part of it is because we've increased the size of the pumpkin patch, but mostly because more people find out about it each year."

The Renaulds garner business and donations from their neighbors, Clinton residents, students, and Hamilton trustees. "We have more pumpkins and people are getting more generous," says Carol of this fall's success.

This year's recipient of the benefit's proceeds will be Amber Payne, a first grade student at St. Mary's School in Clinton.

Amber is seven years old and was born missing the radius (wrist) bones in both of her forearms. She has been having surgery since she was one year old.

Amber is currently undergoing a series of reconstructive surgeries at the Rubin Institute for Advanced Orthopedics at Sinai Hospital in Baltimore, MD, where last year alone, she had five major surgeries.

Her "miracle doctor," called so by Amber's mother, is Dr. Dror Paylay. He has reconstructed her arms and wrists so that Amber can now dress herself and tie her own shoes. Amber is currently a cheerleader for the Clinton Warriors, but arthritis and stiff tendons still plague the first grader. She unfortunately faces many more surgeries, and the hospital only accepts one of her family's two insurance plans.

"We're hoping [our proceeds] will help in a very tiny way," comments Carol. "It really helps the family out emotionally to know that there are people who are willing to help them."

Aside from the joy the Renaulds get from knowing that what they are doing will help someone who is in need, they are also using their pumpkin sale to teach their own grandchildren about generosity.

Carol says, "[Our grandchildren] really love coming to watch the pumpkins grow." The Renaulds' grandchildren help to raise and sell the pumpkins every fall.

"[We want them to] experience working hard and giving the results away to somebody who is in worse shape than they are, someone who needs it," Carol explains.

"We plan on making it an annual event," says Carol.

The Renaulds hope that next year's turnout will be even greater than this fall's results. The Griffin House is located at 3919 Griffin Road.

Going Home

Alina Troya '04 visits Alabama and loves it

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Back-country folk? Decide for yourself at Hoyts in the Sangertown Mall this weekend.

Mashed Potatoes and gravy with a nice slab of meat... no, not Commons food, Southern food!

Melanie Carmichael (Reese Witherspoon) has finally made it big! Her clothing designs are taking off in New York City, and a very handsome politician has just given her the choice of any Tiffany's ring for their engagement. This is simply every girl's dream. Things take a turn, however, when her new beau wants to meet her parents... from Alabama. She does go back home, but not just to tell her parents about Andrew (Patrick Dempsey) she also needs to get a divorce! To further complicate things, her husband, Jake (Josh Lucas) is bitter about their separation and refuses to sign the papers. The whole town knows he still loves her, and he's still got a few tricks up his sleeve.

Melanie is famous in her hometown of Greenville, Alabama. She is surrounded by memories of her wild childhood, and at first all she wants to do it get back to New York; however, after a while she realizes how amazing this little town could be. Everyone there has mostly stayed the same except for her... or has she really changed? While Melanie works hard to keep her past from Andrew, we see that he is trying to keep away his mother and the Mayor of New York City, played by a hilarious Candice Bergen. She insists that Melanie is hiding something, and she doesn't want the press to find anything before she does.

Sweet Home Alabama is a perfect movie for a night out with the girls, and maybe you can drag along a boyfriend. The two men Melanie is stuck between are both so adorable that it's hard to decide with which one you want her to end up. Should it be the boy you fell in love with when you were ten, or the successful man who can give her anything she needs? It's also a choice between the grand life of New York City, and the comfort of a small town in Alabama. The movie does just what it sets out to do. It tangles you up in how you want it to end, and it even manages to surprise you a little with a unifying theme you may not realize is there until the end.

Sweet Home Alabama, last weekend's #1 grossing movie, can boast a couple of highlights in terms of cinematography, such as one of the last scenes in the rain; however, mostly it's just plain and simple. The actors in the film were all well chosen, and their characters are all very genuine. The story is cute and worth the $6.50. This comedy had laugh out loud parts, mostly at the expense of some southern jokes, but it also showed the heart of the south. A town with carnival-like festivities, drinking and dancing just makes me want to live in the south.

Tuck Everlasting and *Rules of Attraction*

Movie News by Brian Sweeney '06

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Ian Somerhalder in *Rules of Attraction*

This week features a couple of interesting new releases as well as plenty of news concerning upcoming features. Starting today you can go and check out two notable films, *Tuck Everlasting* and *Rules of Attraction*. The first, *Tuck Everlasting*, is based on a popular book by Natalie Babbitt. You may remember reading it in middle school. The film, directed by Jay Russell, stars William Hurt, Sissy Spacek, Ben Kingsley, Jonathan Jackson and Alexis Bledel. The story concerns a family that happened upon a spring from which they decided to drink. The water that they drank made them immortal. An outsider happens upon the family and soon must make the choice of whether to drink from the spring and join the family or remain mortal.

While the original book has great potential for a film adaptation, the "Disney" name attached to this project might hurt it. Still the cast is great and it seems to be worth seeing if you remember the book fondly.

The movie *Rules of Attraction* might suit the college audience better. This film tells the story of a man at a Vermont school who becomes involved in a love triangle with a girl he likes and a guy who likes him. The film was based on the novel by Bret Ellis and was directed by Roger Avary. It stars James Van Der Beek, Jessica Biel, and Thomas Ian Nicholas. While it might not sound like the most interesting of movies, it should be noted that Avary had to endure a long and hard struggle with the MPAA to actually get a rating for his movie. Usually a conflict between the director and the MPAA is a good indicator that the movie is worth checking out. If you are still unsure about this film, go on the internet and download some of the trailers - they certainly are *see **Movies**, page 17*

Ex Libris: Confessions of a Common Reader

Between the sheets: book reviews by Taylor Fleming-Henning '04

Because this article is becoming a regular trip to the library between my ears, I dug out my worn old library card, paid the late fees and began perusing my mental archives. As I strolled down the aisles, through all the books I've ever read, I began to ponder the meaning of READING. What does it mean to be a reader? What do we read? Why do we read? Then—I spied it—call number PN 4874-F33 2000 (yes, my mental cataloging system does coincide with that of the esteemed Burke Library). I removed it gingerly from its dusty perch and brushed my fingers over the familiar green and yellow cover. Brilliant, I thought, this week, I'll write about a book written about reading books.

Ex Libris: Confessions of a Common Reader came into my life a couple years ago when, while working at the local book store as the gift-wrap girl, I noticed it on the shelf of new releases. Now, this book wouldn't have grabbed my attention anymore than its paperbacked-pals, except I recognized the author. Anne Fadiman had also written a sociological book I had to read for my American Society class called, *The Spirit Catches You and You Fall Down*. Even though it didn't move me to a Soc-major, (sorry Chambliss), I was intrigued by her incredible talent as a writer and was more than eager to read anything else she might have written, regardless of the topic.

As implied by the title, the book compiles a collection of essays on the subject of reading. However, more than that, it is a bibliographic celebration of a self-declared bookworm. Her need to read, she explains, knows no satisfaction. She has been known to tear through novels, magazines, the Nordstrom's catalogue, and even, in a pinch, the manual to her roommate's 1974 Toyota Corolla. She's also an obsessive-compulsive proofreader who scrutinizes even restaurant menus, lamenting, "they made Bel Paese into one word" (79). There's even a section called *Nothing New Under the Sun*, which is devoted to plagiarism, and which is also amply cited.

In addition, she addresses the physical appreciation of a book when at the early age of four, she forsook her wooden blocks for a tree's more interesting offspring, her father's "pocket-sized, twenty-two-volume set of Trollope"(123). In another essay, she talks about how she passed this "playground" approach to teaching literary appreciation to her children, noting, "when [her] son was eight months old, it could truthfully be said he devoured literature. Presented with a book, he chewed it." She mentions other ways to physically enjoy literature when she talks of the books she's "slept" with (62). Or in *Never Do That to a Book*, she expounds the ways books become keepsakes and time capsules, holding our experiences of that particular moment. On page 42, she waxes sentimental about "what a pleasure it will be, thirty years hence, to open *Joy of Cooking* to page 581 and behold the part of the actual egg yolk that [her] daughter glopped into her very first batch of blueberry muffins."

Her wording is wondrous, her anecdotes are amusing, her insights are intelligent and her passion is as contagious as the latest flu virus. Upon reading this eloquent journey through the psyche of a "bibliophile" as Megan Harlan of *Entertainment Weekly* diagnoses' it, I re-realized my own obsession with world of the written word and re-lived my own dramas of being a book-lover. But I know I am not alone. Here on the hill we are a community devoted to the pursuit of knowledge, and we all know the ecstasy from a great read. And so, I recommend this book to anyone who has ever revisited with reverie the comments they wrote in the margins of a dog-eared favorite, spent an afternoon pouring over the manual to the microwave, or even used their copy of Thackeray's Vanity Fair as a step-stool. Words are knowledge and knowledge is life. Read this book, smile, learn, disagree, spill coffee on it, then take it back to your own mental library and check something else out.

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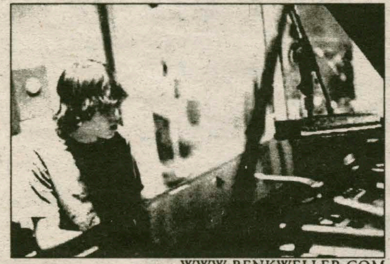
Sha Sha Sha doo?!!!

Katey Healy-Wurzburg '05 tries Ben on for size



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Ben Kweller

Note: I intend to perfect the art of the rant in this article-good luck, readers... Okay- so maybe I'm not the most "talented" or "sophisticated" writer. I only really hope that people enjoy reading my articles, because I enjoy writing them. The reason that I like to write them is that they help me to think about my opinions on... well, stuff. I can't really express my feelings for this album, so I bow to the genius of my favorite writer, Douglas Adams. "But his smile, when he turned it on you was quite remarkable. It seemed to be composed of all the worst things that life can do to you, but which, when he briefly reassembled them in that particular order on his face, made you suddenly feel, 'Oh. Well that's all right then.'" I sometimes find that ordering things in a slightly different way, changing the angle of the way you look at something, or shifting the way you think about an idea just a bit can reveal cool, complex, and interesting patterns. This can lend itself to an entirely new understanding of whatever it is you are looking at, if you let it. Okay, so where is this meandering paragraph headed? Well, hold your horses, I'm getting to that.

Ben Kweller, signed to ATO Records (Dave Matthew's record label!!!) last spring and most recently MTV2's newest darling, has a new album called "Sha Sha." It throws a whole bunch of disjointed, strange musical components. When Kweller puts them together in just that way, the effect is really fabulous. It's sort of like seeing the duck and the rabbit at the same time, if you catch my reference. You know what I'm talking about. The album is cheeky yet funny, with random tangents into ideas and sounds that resolve into complete songs. Hmmm, anybody know any guys like that? I mean, uh, what? Uh, never mind... Take track 5 "In Other Words" – the chorus opens with "The butterflies are passive/aggressive". The first time I heard that, I nearly passed out laughing. But, then I heard the rest of the chorus, and realized that Kweller was saying something really sophisticated-it actually goes "The butterflies are passive aggressive/ and put their problems on the shelf/ but they're beautiful". I am all about lyrics that are complex enough for you to find your own meaning in them, so I will leave the interpretation of that up to you.

On to the rest of the album, BK's voice is understated and rather quiet, but the way he dodges in and out of the lyrics makes each line unexpected and fun. He tends to use simple rhymes and song structure, but he arranges songs in a way that no one else is doing right now. Despite the somewhat retreating quality of his voice, it has charisma about it, and no matter how frantic or intense the drumming and the guitar licks get on the tunes, nothing ever overpowers his voice, which is something that I originally assumed would happen. Each song sounds completely fresh, and each is composed of many distinct sounds, yet when he puts them together in that particular order, it says a lot more than the lyrics alone. Musically, the songs range from chill Ben Folds-esque piano tunes to medium heavy rock/ pop tune to a couple of acoustic guitar anti-ballads. I mean he even has a string quartet contributing to track 11, "Falling." "Sha Sha," overall, is an eclectic, controlled frenzy of an album. There's something chill and Beatles-esque about it, but I can't put my finger on it. Maybe I should have a rating system for theses album review things... Okay, he gets four feet up. I'll let you know what that actually means next time. I leave you with my favorite BK lines: "No, I don't feel like I'm falling down./ Just say 'hello' to the ground."

Movie News

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interesting (www.apple.com/ trailers has a large selection of downloadable trailers).

There is also a lot of very interesting casting news this week. First up, Rachel Hurd Wood was just cast to play Wendy Darling in an upcoming production of Peter Pan. Director P.J. Hogan has reportedly been working on an excellent script based on J.M. Barrie's classic story. Jason Isaacs is set to play both Captain Hook and Mr. Darling, with young Jeremy Sumpter playing Peter Pan.

In other casting news, Tom Hanks has signed on to star in Polar Express for director Robert Zemeckis. Zemeckis and Hanks worked together on both Forrest Gump and Cast Away. Polar Express is based on a much cherished Christmas book by Chris Van Allsburg. Hanks has also signed on to play the lead in The *Ladykillers*, a remake of a film that featured Alec Guiness and Peter Sellers. Forget the plot. All you need to know is that Joel and Ethan Coen (*Fargo*, *The Big Lebowski*, and *O Brother Where Art Thou?*) will be directing. It will be very interesting to see them teamed up with Hanks.

In other news, Michael Chabon is hard at work writing the screenplay for *The Amazing Spider-man*. This sequel to what will probably end up being the top grossing film of 2002 will start filming early next year for a May 7, 2004 release. Also of note, Brett Ratner has signed on to direct *Superman*. That's right, it seems that the Man of Steel will actually be returning to the big screen sometime soon. J.J. Abrams is hard at work writing the script for the first installment of what he imagines will be an epic *Superman* trilogy.

Fans of Douglas Adams' *The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy* will be happy to learn that the book is being turned into a film. Adams started a script before his death last May and now Karey Kirkpatrick has been brought on board to continue working on the script. Kirkpatrick wrote the screenplay for 2000's sleeper hit Chicken Run.

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LAST WEEKEND AT THE MOVIES

Weekend Gross/Total Gross

1. *Red Dragon*
$36,540,945
$36,540,945
2. *Sweet Home Alabama*
$21,325,435
$65,324,029
3. *Tuxedo*
$10,035,750
$27,988,910
4. *My Big Fat Greek Wedding*
$8,223,801
$147,717,828
5. *Barbershop*
$6,634,684
$60,018,041
6. *Jonah: A Veggie Tales Movie*
$6,201,345
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7. *The Banger Sisters*
$3, 484, 958
$24,299,294
8. *The Four Feathers*
$2,057,714
$15,517,239
9. *Moonlight Mile*
$1,882,703
$2,327,627
10. *One Hour Photo*
$1,733,871
$28,780,731

Gaming Corner

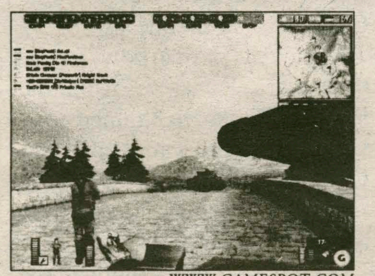
by Mithat Yaltir '03

Battlefield 1942

I recently played Battlefield 1942. As the reader probably has guessed, players walk in the shoes of the soldiers who fought the Second World War. Developed by Digital Illusions and published by Electronic Arts (EA), Battlefield 1942 is a first-person shooter game that is intended primarily to be a multiplayer game. Developers designed the game so that up to 64 players can play at a time.

Once the game is loaded, gamers choose which side they want to fight for: the Allies or the Axis. Afterwards they to choose which battle. Battlefield 1942 gives the gamers the opportunity to participate in virtual recreation of almost any of the major battles of WWII, including: D-Day (Omaha Beach), Iwo Jima, El Alamein, Operation Market Garden, Stalingrad and the Battle of the Bulge. Choice of side and battle determines the army for which the gamer is going to fight.

Now that the gamers know where and for whom they are going to fight, it is time to decide what role they will to assume. Are they going to be an artillery scout? Or maybe join the antitank division? Gamers can use different battlefield kits for different purposes. For example, scouts are equipped with sniper rifles and binoculars. Their main job is to take out the enemy from long distances and spot for artillery. Antitank personnel are the only hope of infantry units without armor support. The list goes on.



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Another factor that makes Battlefield 1942 so realistic is the ability to use machines of war. Players are not limited to fighting as infantry. They can get into tanks, jeeps, planes and ships. If the enemy consists of infantry units, try using armor to crush them. If they have a lot of armor, it may be a good idea to call for artillery or air support. Every gamer can switch between units at any time. Tired of flying planes? Land it near an empty tank and use that instead. Also, if you start out as a scout, it doesn't mean you are stuck as such. Just kill an enemy unit with antitank battle kit and you can pick up its bazooka. Every unit has strengths and weaknesses; it is just a question of using units effectively as a team.

Obviously, the goal of the game is to win the battle, but how do you do it? At the start of each battle, both sides have a certain number of tickets. These tickets represent the number of available reinforcements. The first army to drain enemy tickets to zero wins the battle. There are two ways to decrease enemy tickets: kill their units or hold key positions on the battlefield.

Graphics of the game should be great. I say should be because my computer can only run it at the lowest quality setting (you need a lot of RAM for the best quality). Sound effects were above average, although the engine sound of planes and tanks could have been better. However, the menu music really puts a gamer into the mood for battle. (You will only know it when you hear it). I found it very hard to fly the planes, but other than that the gameplay is a typical first person-shooter.

Graphics: 95%
Music & Sound Effects: 80%
Originality: 85%
Creativity: 90%
Reviewers Tilt: 95%
Overall Game Rating: 90%

Fans of counterstrike, check it out.

Hamilton football embarrassed in home opener

by Charles Spiliotis '03
SPORTS EDITOR

Hamilton's home opener didn't exactly go as planned. Coming in 0-2, but with some positives to look at from weeks one and two, the Continentals week three performance left a great deal to be desired. After taking the opening kickoff and marching down the field for an opening touchdown, Trinity would not look back, netting a gaudy 484 total yards, while holding the Continentals to an anemic 52.

"There were so many internal things and external things going on for us, I'm not sure where our mindset was," said coach Pete Alvanos. "I'm just happy that after a loss like that our kids didn't go into the tanks and hang their heads. We had a good week of meetings and a good week of practices and that's encouraging."

Trinity upped its record to 2-1 by dominating the time of possession by nearly a two to one margin (39:42 to 20:18), and tallying a whopping 30 first downs to Hamilton's zero. After jumping out to a 33-0 halftime lead, Trinity called off the dogs in the second half, notching just one score, on its way to a 39-0 win.

Defensive standouts for the home team included free safety Pete Simon '05, who continued his all-star type season with thirteen tackles, ten of them solo, and a forced fumble on the afternoon. Defensive lineman Sam Bowlby '04 was second on the team with 12 tackles, while linebacker Jeremy Kozak '06 and DB Jasen Wright '03 grabbed nine apiece.

This weekend's matchup for the Conts should level the playing field a bit. Bowdoin, coming off a 1-7 season identical to the Continentals of 2001, comes into town with an 0-3 record and having been outscored 124-40. Bowdoin is sporting the last ranked total defense in the NESCAC, allowing a ridiculous 468.3 yards per game.

"We match up well by size, speed, and at the skill positions with Bowdoin. We need to play care-free football and get some first downs," said Alvanos.

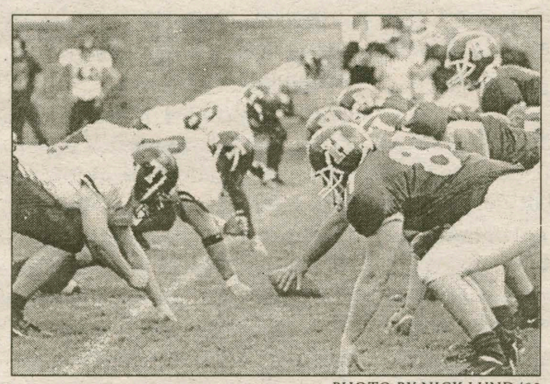
PHOTO BY NICK LUND '03
Hamilton lines up against Trinity.

With some injuries at the quarterback position, Greg LiVigne '05 is doubtful for this week with a shoulder injury, and he will be replaced either by Brandon Holtslag '06 or Steve Finazzo '06. Holtslag got the start against Trinity, but he's also nursing a shoulder injury and might not be ready to go by Saturday. The gameplan against the Polar Bears will probably go back to running the football and controlling the clock.

Alvanos commented, "We really need to get back to controlling the clock and putting the ball in the end zone. I know we've been a bit vanilla, so to speak, on both sides of the ball, but with our young guys, we need to work on simpler stuff before we can work on more complicated systems."

Last year's matchup between these two teams was a very competitive football game that Bowdoin pulled out 17-14 at home. This year's version should be much of the same, with each team hungry for its first win of the year.

"Bowdoin is a good football team able to score some points," said Alvanos. "They've played three of the best teams in our league so far, so they'll be ready for us."

Crew wins its first

by Michael Everhart '03
SPORTS WRITER

Over the last two weeks the crew team has gotten off to a very good start. The Continentals won the team points championship for the first time two weeks ago at the Head of the Erie in Rome, the team's only home regatta of the season.

They defeated rivals Colgate, Ithaca, and Cazenovia in the process. Last weekend at the Head of the Mohawk in Schenectady the team continued its success. "The last two regattas have gone very well for us. The team has rowed well and many people have gotten to row more than once in each regatta," said coach Mike Gilbert.

The course on the Mohawk, unlike most head courses, has an island that is a turnaround point. On the men's side the highlight of the day was the victory in the Schenectady Mayor's Cup (open eight category).

The crew of (stern to bow) co-captain Matt Baum '03, Kevin Hall '04, co-captain Steven Larson '03, Adam Schayowitz '03, Pete Coxeter '05 and Josh Huling '05, Tom Goolsby '04 and Henry Chicaiza '04, and Colton Riley '06 finished first overall with a time of 17:01 over the 5 km course, two seconds ahead of RPI. Skidmore, Albany, Union, and Clarkson finished third through sixth. Larson said, "We rowed well considering the wind, which was probably 15-20 knots. We rowed into a strong headwind for the first half of the race and a strong tailwind for the second half. Because of the logistics of the race we didn't even get to row near any of the other boats in our race."

They received their cup from the mayor of Schenectady. Earlier in the day Chicaiza and Riley rowed with Chris Martin-McNaughton '05 as well as Emily Baer '06 and Alex Kaufman '06 in the open four category. They finished ninth with a time of 22:07, 2:24 behind first place Skidmore. In the novice eight category, the crew of freshmen Dan Horowitz, Dan Nelson, Chris Abbott, Andrew Price, Kosta Popovic, Chris Knorr, Ernesto Medina Gomez, William Arnold, and Andreu Viader Valls '05 finished sixth with a time of 22:44.

On the women's side, the crew of (stern to bow) Chloe Hensold '06, Shana Weinberg '05, Kate McMullen '03, Hilary King '05, Kate Wardwell '03, Kalin Jaffee '06, co-captain Kristen Dillner '04, Liz McPhillips '05, and Rebecca Kessler '03 had the highest finish of the day with a second place in a time of 19:29 in the open eight category (Aqueduct Cup) behind winner Saratoga. The crew of (stern to bow) Julia Morgan '06, Caitlin Foley '04, Elizabeth Scagnelli '04, Amy Landauer '04, Becky Benham '05, Wendy Garratt-Reed '05, Alexis Castrovinci '06, Stephanie Godleski '05, and Ashley Hatfield '05 finished sixth with a time of 21:50. RPI, Union, and Albany finished third, fourth, and fifth, respectively. Earlier in the day the crew of (stern to bow) Morgan, King, Dillner, Jaffee, and Kessler finished third in the open four category with a time of 22:28, just six seconds behind first place Binghamton. Dillner said, "Despite the conditions, I thought the team rowed pretty well together. The officials debated canceling our race for safety reasons."

In only their second regatta ever, the two novice women eights dealt with poor conditions and whitecaps to finish fifth and sixth in their category. The crew of (stern to bow) freshmen Dorothy Schug, Courtney McBride, Megan Malone, Yina Luo, Anne Kutz, Dana Kirkoff, Kate Jurras, Susie Desormeau, and Katie Cameron had a time of 24:29. The crew of (stern to bow) freshmen Tara Rosabal, Amanda Bennett, Elisabeth Krainer, Jessica Wolinsky, Katie Spencer, Evelyn Shapiro, Alice Peterson, Jennifer Mills, and Amber Gills had a time of 26:06.

Tomorrow the Continentals compete in the Head of the Housatonic in Derby, CT, (near Yale) and in the Head of the Connecticut in Middletown, CT, (near Wesleyan) on Sunday. Larson said, "This weekend will be a good test to see where we are compared to other teams. There should be some very good competition on Sunday."

Only a few of the rowers on the team have ever rowed in either regatta. The Connecticut is one of the largest fall regattas and its course is longer than most head race courses at 3.5 miles. Next weekend the team travels to Boston for the Head of the Charles.

Women's X-C loses UCAA

by Michael Everhart '03
SPORTS WRITER

In cross-country, as in other team sports such as rowing, football, and basketball, the absence of a key member of the team can be significant. This was the case last weekend for the women's cross-country team. The Continentals, without tri-captain Jen Cammarano '03, one of the team's top runners, finished second to St. Lawrence in the UCAA Championships for the first time in several years.

The Continentals finished with 54 points, 14 behind St. Lawrence and 26 ahead of Vassar. RPI, Clarkson, William Smith, and Union finished fourth through seventh, respectively. Coach Ellen Hull said, "With Jen Cammarano, we may have been able to defeat St. Lawrence. Overall, though, I thought we ran well as a team. St. Lawrence is a very good team."

Leading the team as she has most of the season was Alyson Grant '04, who finished first overall with a time of 23:25 over the 6 km course. Last weekend was the first time the team competed at that distance. By finishing first, she earned UCAA Runner of the Year honors. The second place runner was 14 seconds behind Grant. The team's second finisher was Julianna Allport '05, who finished seventh overall with a time of 24:09, was seven seconds behind St. Lawrence's #3 runner. The next finisher for the Continentals was Sarah Taylor '03, who finished thirteenth with a time of 24:41, just ahead of St. Lawrence's #5 runner.

Rounding out the top five were Margo Rockwell '05 and Keira Moore '06, who finished sixteenth and seventeenth with times of 24:51 and 25:00. Moore finished just ahead of Union's top runner.

Moore said, "I think we ran pretty well overall. We didn't taper for UCAA's and some people weren't 100%. Some people really like the longer courses like St. Lawrence's." Surrounded by RPI runners, Katie Riposta '06 finished twenty-first with a time of 25:16, while Heather King '06 rounded out the top seven by finishing twenty-seventh with a time of 25:47.

Amanda Chase '03 and Courtney Chapman '05 finished thirty-second and thirty-sixth with times of 25:59 and 26:15. The trio of Courtney Johnson '06, Ruth Leoniuk '05, and Allison Nichols '06 finished fortieth, forty-second, and forty-fourth, respectively, with times ranging from 26:37 to 26:52. Emily Dick '06, senior tri-captains Marisabel Portillo and Lara Clemenzi, as well as Kate Nelson '06 rounded out the team with times ranging from 27:17 to 30:36.

The Continentals, now ranked #14 nationally, host the Hamilton Invitational on the golf course tomorrow at 11:00. The course will be the normal 5 km for the first time in three weeks. With over a dozen teams competing, this will be by far the team's largest meet of the season thus far. Moore said, "SUNY Cortland and Roberts Wesleyan are two of the better teams coming. I think we're going to do well this weekend. This is just another step towards our goals for the end of the season." The Continentals competed against Cortland and Roberts Wesleyan several weeks ago in Cortland. Some of the other teams competing will be Rochester, Alfred, Buffalo State, SUNY Oswego, NYU, and SUNY Brockport. Hull said, "It'll be nice to be at home this weekend after several weeks on the road. There should be some good competition with all the teams that are coming." Next weekend the team travels to Albany for the Albany Invitational.

Women's tennis achieves a perfect season

by Andy Horner '03
MANAGING EDITOR

Some say that in the real world, there is no such thing as perfection. Excuse me, but Lindsey Schantz '03 and the rest of the Hamilton women's tennis team would beg differ. With their victories over Saint Lawrence and William Smith this week, the team ran their record to an unblemished 8-0 and achieved a feat possibly unmatched by any Hamilton team in recent history - a perfect season.

"I was expecting a good season," said Hamilton head coach Jamie King. "You just can never tell how it's going to work out."

Against Saint Lawrence on Friday, the Hamilton women started the match by taking two of the three doubles matches, as the combo of Schantz and one of the team's rookie phenoms, Kaitie Donovan '06, put their competition to rest with an 8-3 victory. The second doubles tandem of Jen Lynch '03 and Kate Borne '06, another solid first-year contributor, coasted to an 8-1 victory over their opponents.

This set the tone for the singles portion of the match, Schantz dispatched of the opposing #1 easily, remaining undefeated so far this year with a 6-0, 6-2 victory. Wins were also turned in by Donovan, Borne, and the third of Hamilton's neophyte trio, Callen Sterling '06. Sterling and Donovan overwhelmed their opponents, but Borne's win came in a classic tie-breaker that ended with a 10-8 victory in the third and final set.

"Kate Borne, in particular, rallied from one set down to win her singles match," commented Lynch, "and to me this showed excellent concentration and endurance from a first year player."

"I think our young players have really risen to the occasion," said King. "I think to some extent the work ethic of our seniors has rubbed off on them."

All year long Hamilton's young trio has been producing at a phenomenal pace, and the women would need one more such performance against William Smith in order to lock up a flawless season.

"The William Smith match was by far, the most competitive match we have had all season, said Lynch. "There are other factors that made it so important as well. The school is a long-time rival of ours and I am pretty confidant in saying that some personal rivalries exist as well."

Indeed, the 5-4 final score of the match only begins to indicate the intensity of the Hamilton women's showdown with their longtime UCAA rivals. However, as they have all season, the team approached the match as they would any other; with an overwhelming desire to win.

"I don't think that the win put any additional pressure on us," said Schantz. "Throughout the season, we have focused on one match at a time, and this continued right through the last match."

The match started out poorly for Hamilton, as they dropped two out of three in doubles play, an area that has been, if there have been any, the Achilles Heel of this juggernaut of a team. Only the duo of Schantz and Donovan were able to emerge from doubles play victorious.

Singles play for Hamilton was highlighted, as it has been in every match thus far this season," by a dominant performance from Schantz. Her 6-1, 6-0 win made her perfect personally for the season, as she went without a defeat through Hamilton's entire schedule.

Hamilton's 2-4 players followed in suite, as Donovan, Lynch, and a healthy Ginger Pearson '03 notched the victories required for Hamilton to emerge with a gusty victory.

"Ginger played great, especially considering the fact that she hadn't played a match in a few weeks due to injury," Schantz remarked.

For Hamilton, the victory over their perennial rivals was especially sweet because it cemented their place in the record books as a perfect varsity squad.

"Watching them leave our courts after we had handed them their first loss of the season was a feeling that only our team can understand," said Lynch afterwards.

Now the team must turn its attention to the upcoming UCAA tournament, which will be played at Saint Lawrence this weekend. With a squad that has routinely dominated on the singles court, but has struggled relatively in doubles play, improvements will likely need to be made in Hamilton's tandem play in order for the team to advance far into the tournament, as they want to do.

"I think our team is not as comfortable in doubles as we are in singles," said Lynch. "However, each match we improve and work toward winning those points early on. In terms of UCAA's, doubles will have to rise to the occasion."

Schantz agreed with this, saying "Our doubles teams keep on improving. With three freshmen in the lineup, it has taken the teams some time to gel together, but I think that we have been playing really well together over the last few matches."

If indeed the team can bring the level of their doubles play up to that of their singles, this team could become an extremely dangerous opponent for whoever they draw in the tourney. Besides, this team hasn't lost a match yet. Why start now?

Field hockey takes two

by Mark Lutenski '05
SPORTS WRITER

Despite the lack of experience that senior players usually provide, Hamilton field hockey captain Erin Turcot '04 optimistically said that the squad is "more united because of the lack of age difference," and that the six juniors on the squad have stepped into the leadership position, enabling the Continentals to have greater faith in their abilities. This trust was instrumental in the team's victories against Oswego and Union, and is what the squad expects to lead them to a victory against Vassar.

The team's small size and variety of injuries sustained at the season's beginning forced positional adjustments, which has been made possible by the squad's relative adaptability on the field. That, and the emphasis on heart and focus that new head coach Tracy Kelleher and assistant coach Jaime Glendening stress, motivates the team to push to their limits.

Whereas past coaches have stressed a different kind of motivation, Kelleher and Glendening have emphasized what Turcot calls a "positive spin" and whose "faith and desire for our success" puts the pressure on the team to play their best.

These advantages in team chemistry were vital in the Continentals' wins against Oswego and Union. Further, the powerful additions of Katelyn McGee '06, Courtney Snyder'06, Meghan Blair '06, Karen Sullam '06, Rebecca Lee '06, Kristen Archibald '06, and Alisha Fowler '06 give the field hockey team a fresh source of talent from which to draw. This new talent, combined with the excellent performance of Liz Southerland '04, Eden Self '04, and Turcot solid offense thus far.

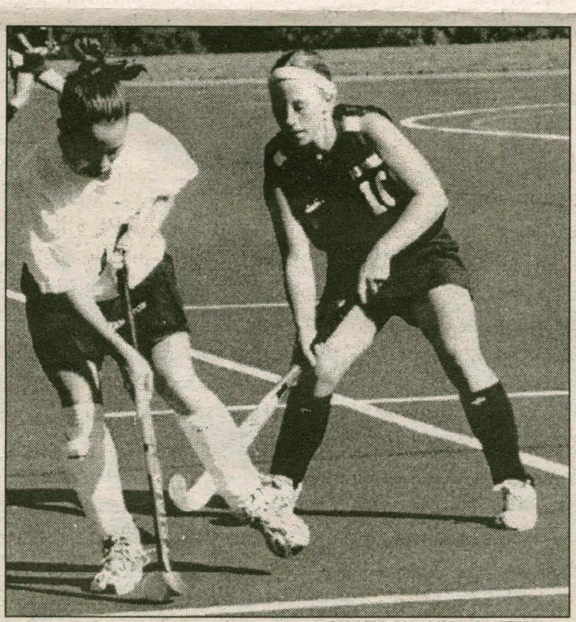

PHOTO BY ANNA GRITTEN '03

A Hamilton defender looks to cross mid-court while battling Oswego.

Not to be overlooked, the goaltending provided by goalies Sarah Baldwin '04, Blair, and Polly Noble '05 have denied an average of 11 shots on goal per game.

Currently, the players are enthusiastic for their remaining games against Vassar, Rensselaer, Nazareth, Oneonta, William Smith, and Rochester.

Self added, "We're looking forward to getting back into league play." Turcot's influence, which McGee summarized as being a "leader by example," and who Kelsey Knight '06 characterized as "inspirational," should provide the kind of fuel for the fire that the Continentals will need to bring home some late season wins.

The future looks bright for the Continentals who, in prior years, have suffered from a lack of commitment. However, Rebecca Lee '04 noted that the leadership of the six juniors, and the earnest effort of the freshmen and sophomores will allow the squad to "build upon what we have," and become a major conference contender due to the team's "great potential for next year."

Hamilton field hockey looks to capitalize on newfound team chemistry in this season's second half, as they prepare for a victory against Vassar today at 4 PM on the turf.

Men's golf qualifies for championships

by The Sports Staff

The men's team has had an exciting two weeks highlighted by strong individual team and individual performances at the NESCAC Championship and in the ECAC Div III Finals.

At NESCAC's, held at Middlebury College, the team finished a strong fourth with a 620 total, averaging just above 75 for the top four players for two rounds to finish seven shots behind champions Middlebury and six behind runner-up Williams.

Brian Williams '05, shooting an exceptional 2 under par 69 in the final round which when combined with his earlier 76, allowed him to win the individual championship by 3 strokes; Middlebury's star player, Damon Garcia, finished second. Hamilton's Tom Ferrero '04 followed his first round 80 with an excellent 75, while Jonathan Stocker '04 contributed steady golf with two rounds of 82. Williams becomes the fifth Hamilton player to win a NESCAC Championship in the last 15 years, while Hamilton also has won two team championships during that period, the most recent in 1998.

The men's golf team also earned the right to compete in a major championship by qualifying for the ECAC Championship in the upstate New York qualifier held at Saratoga State Park.

The ECAC itself was held last weekend at Brockport. Although Hamilton shot a fine 762 in very difficult weather conditions, Skidmore shot 619 to win the team championshyip from the second place Continentals. Ferrero continued his recent fine play, however, to win the individual championship with a 73-74 147 total to edge out Charles Kroman of Skidmore by three shots. Williams (84-75), Dan Head '03 (80-80), Tom Paolini '03 (87-79) and Jon Stocker (82-85) all contributed important scores for the Continentals as well. Ferrero's victory was the third for a Hamilton player this year and the first ever in an ECAC championship.

With its strong showing in the second half of its fall segment, the team established itself as one of the strongest in the New England region, and hopes to parlay further good play in the spring into a top regional and possibly national ranking and further post season play in May.

Sports

Continentals dominate Scranton

Sherman, Maurice, and Gellatly make big contributions

by Andy Horner '03
MANAGING EDITOR

Another game, another huge offensive performance for the high-powered attack of the Hamilton Continentals (5-1-1, 1-1-0). On Sunday against Scranton, the trio of Sky Gellatly '04, Wes Sherman '04, and Dimitry Maurice '04 cooked up another stunning performance in a 4-1 demolition of the Royals.

Hamilton's offensive outburst has been spearheaded by Gellatly, whose five goals in two games earned him UCAA Player of the Week honors. Against Scranton, Gellatly netted an eye-opening three second half goals to lead the squad to a come-from-behind win.

Going into the second frame of play down by a goal, Gellatly got Hamilton on the board in the 55th minute off a pass from Pete Smithson '03, and the Continentals wouldn't look back. Barely four minutes later, Sherman buried one in the back of the net to give Hamilton the lead. Sherman has often played the role of distributor to Maurice and Gellatly. He has also had his chances to score the ball this season, and has sometimes been off target. This time, however, he did not miss his mark, as a pass from playmaker David Fox '03 gave him a superb scoring opportunity.

"I used to be a midfielder," said Sherman, "so I definitely enjoy playing a ball through to Sky or Dimitri and springing them on a breakaway."

"Distribution and creativity with the ball has been something we've been working on," said Hamilton head coach Perry Nizzi. "And even though the opponents have been weaker, scoring eight goals in two games isn't easy to do against anyone."

Not even two minutes later, Gellatly cushioned the Continental lead off a well played ball from Maurice as the forwards displayed their versatility and willingness to distribute to one another yet again. In the 78th minute Gellatly struck again, this time with the assistance of midfielder Mike Galante '03, to push the margin to 4-1, and that was where it stood at the end of the game.

"We replicated our composure that we have in practice in both games, making our playing style much more composed and fluid," explained Gellatly. "Our forwards dominated both games; I was just the guy that put the most in the net."

One of many reasons for Hamilton's domination was once again the Continental midfield, led by the speed and ball control of Mike Thompson '03 and Galante. Many of Hamilton's scoring opportunities are started in the midfield, where Thompson and Galante are joined by a determined and highly skilled group consisting of Fox, Dave Alchus '03, Smithson and Andy Vermilyea '04, among others.

"I feel that as the season has progressed the midfield has improved steadily as a unit," said Galante. "If you look at our midfielders individually, I truly believe that man-for-man we have the best players in the conference."

This confidence typifies the attitude of the Continentals this season, and thus far, except for one poor half against Saint Lawrence, they have backed up such talk effectively. Earlier this season, it was this confidence that prompted Nizzi to issue a challenge to his squad - to win the rest of their games this season. So far, the Continentals have been up to the challenge.

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Sky Gellatly (5) was named UCAA player of the week.

In addition, the past two games have given Hamilton's defense a chance to work on their communication after being overwhelmed by the powerful attack of Saint Lawrence two weeks ago. Greg Zalasky '04 has also had additional time to continue his transformation into a dominant goalkeeper. The squad will rely on the defensive unit as the games get tougher starting this weekend.

"As much emphasis as we've put on possession of the ball, our key to winning remains the defense," said Nizzi.

Now here is where things get interesting for the Continentals. Starting with Saturday's home contest against Union, and continuing through the four games following that, Hamilton will play solely UCAA opponents.

"Union and Skidmore are both undefeated in the conference, so that makes these games even more important," commented Nizzi. "We're trying to beat the teams ahead of us so that we can try to lock up that top-four spot in the conference."

"Its clockwork with midfielders who can now play us the right kind of balls," said Gellatly. "...the UCAA is in trouble for the second half of the season."

From the very first game, the confident Continentals have been out to challenge Saint Lawrence for the UCAA crown, and this stretch of games will determine whether Hamilton will meet that goal. What this team does in the next two weeks is going to dictate where this season goes, and if it goes according to plan, the conference wins will start this weekend, and they won't end for another two weeks.

Women's soccer ties national powerhouse

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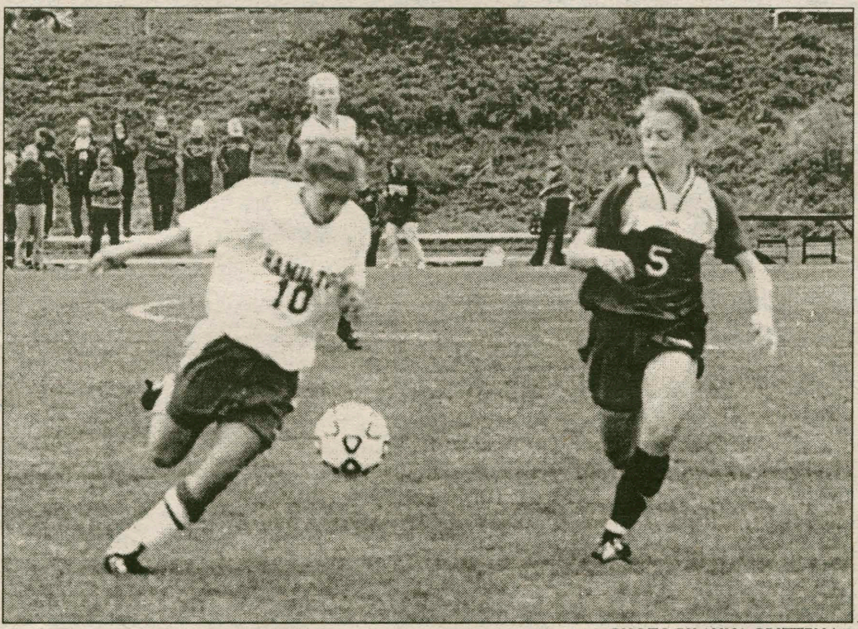
There comes a point in every team's season that can be looked back upon and classified as pivotal. The Continentals appear to have reached that point with a phenomenal performance against national powerhouse William Smith.

Hamilton entered last Saturday's home match with a record of 2-2-1 and a string of promising but inconsistent showings. The Herons strutted onto Love Field ranked 23rd in the nation with an imposing 6-1-2 record.

Judging by the Continentals' performance, however, one would have thought the descriptions above were reversed. Hamilton battled William Smith to a 0-0 tie. Now that score may not sound remarkable, but when an underdog battles a team that was ranked 6th in a national preseason poll and holds them to zero goals and very few quality scoring opportunities, that result classifies as impressive.

Defensively, the Continentals played tremendously and only permitted a handful of quality scoring opportunities. When the Herons had legitimate chances on the offensive end, goalkeeper Jen Munoz'04 thwarted William Smith's strikers and midfielders, collecting six saves. In particular, Munoz came up with a save in the last minute of regulation that Coach Colette Gilligan described as "one of the better saves I have seen."



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Mara Dropkin-Frank (10) chases down the ball in the midfield.

Munoz went on to say, "After that save, I knew there was no way they would score."

On the offensive side of the ball, Hamilton continued to create solid scoring opportunities for itself. The Continentals mustered nine shots upon goalie Leah Cornwell and forced the William Smith keeper to come up with two very difficult saves in the second half.

Elizabeth Roberts '06 had the best chance of putting a shot passed Cornwell when with 1:30 left in regulation, she received an excellent pass from Mara Dropkin-Frank '05 while cutting towards the net, but placed her shot wide of the post.

Gilligan summed up the near miss by saying, "Finishing is really about being consistently in these situations and having composure to put the ball in the back of the net. It's going to come though."

The Continentals' midfield play was solid, as well, with Jessica Beeson '03 leading the way. The midfielders helped to neutralize William Smith's defense and provided a burst on offense.

As a whole, Hamilton played its best game of the season last Saturday and learned numerous important lessons about themselves. The Continentals discovered that they could play with their highest intensity level for an entire game.

Gilligan pointed out, "The team looked like they wanted it more than I have seen so far and more than they have seen themselves."

Furthermore, the team's confidence level increased throughout the game and has remained high days after their impressive effort.

Munoz voiced this observation saying, "Before this game, we never thought we could play on that level. Now we can. We saw what we can do as a team."

The team will see the residual effects of last Saturday's effort this Friday and Saturday with back-to-back road games at Union and Skidmore. Gilligan wants to see the team "develop some consistency over the next two games."

That appears likely because the Continentals seem to have developed a level of confidence where they believe they belong on the same field with the league's powerhouses. After Saturday's performance, it sure looks like they do.